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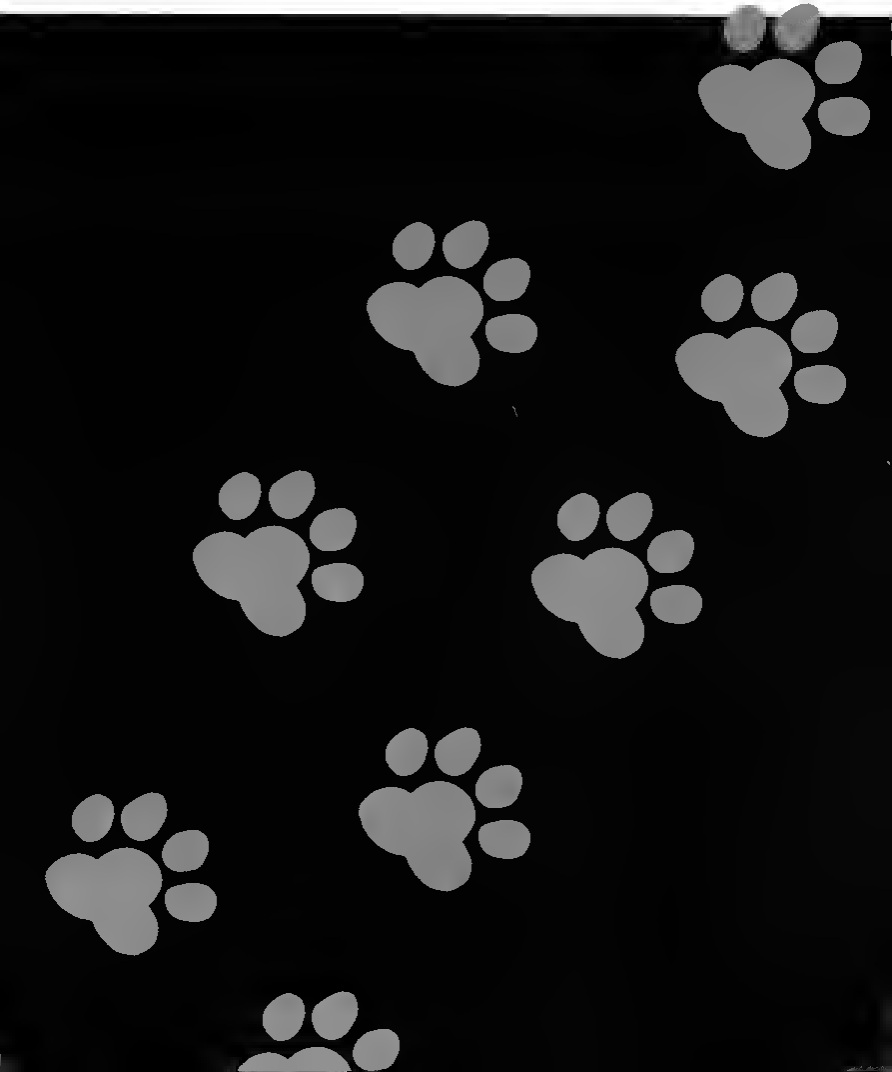

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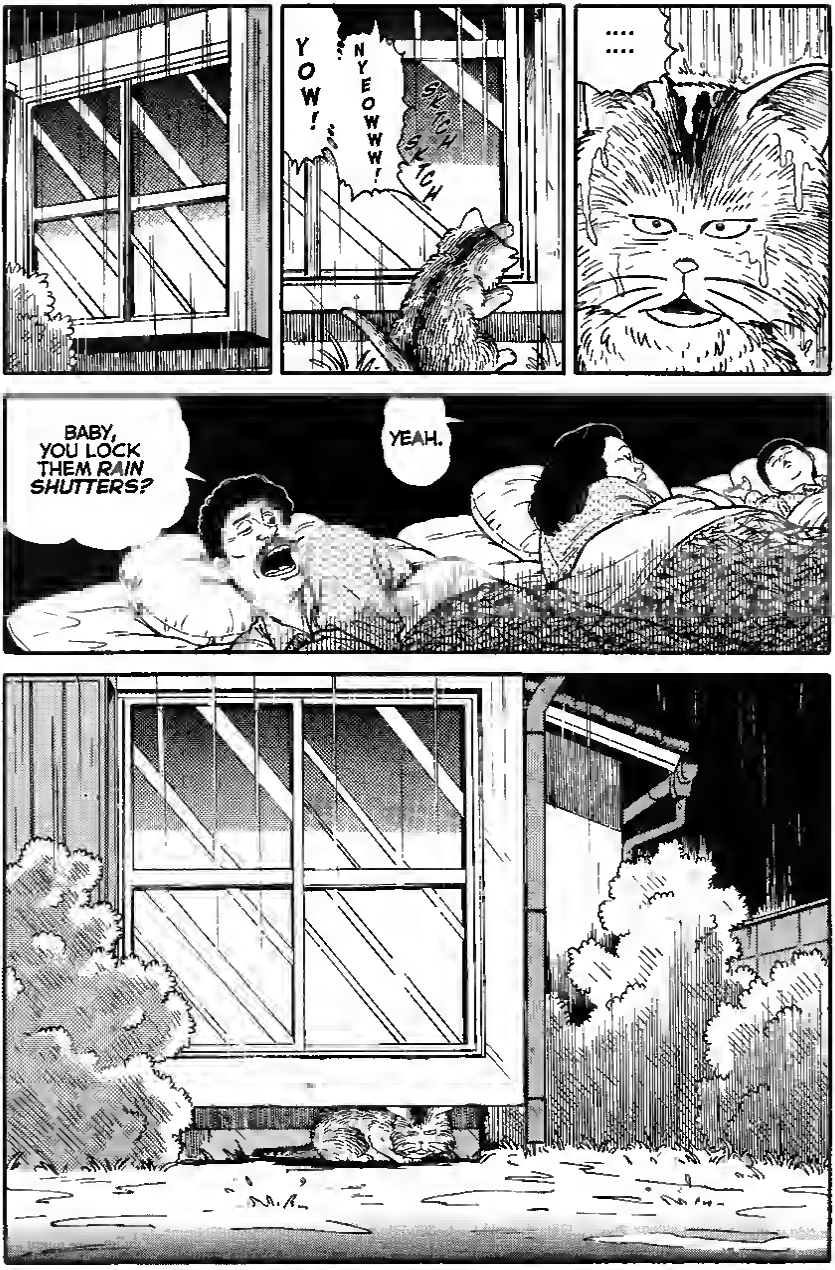
DO YOU KNOW THIS CAT?
RRARGH!!
COME BACK HERE!
DANG CAT!
HUP!
THP THP THP
HEY!
DON'T I KNOW YOU?
CONSARN IT! HE DONE ME AG'IN!
YUH THIEVIN' FUR-BALL!
....
....
WAS THAT...
...SPLIT-EAR CHARLES...?
KOREAN BARBECUE

DOES THAT CAT COME AROUND HERE OFTEN?
HUH?!
ALL TH' OAG-BLASTED TIME!
HE'S TH' BIG BOSSMAN 'ROUND HERE.
HOW CAN THAT BE?
HE STOPS BY MY HOUSE ALMOST EVERY DAY...
...ANO I LIVE TWO MILES AWAY!
HAHH? THAT STICKY-PAWED CAT COMES ALL THET WAY T' ROB ME?
I KNOW THAT KITTY, TOO!
HE SLEEPS IN OUR GARDEN ALL THE TIME!
HE MUST REALLY LOVE IT--
--OUR HOME'S OVER THREE MILES AWAY!
...!
SAYURI SUZUKI, BAR HOSTESS, B WARD...
YEAH, I'VE SEEN THE CAT BEFORE.
HE USES THE CROSSWALK IN FRONT OF OUR CLUB.

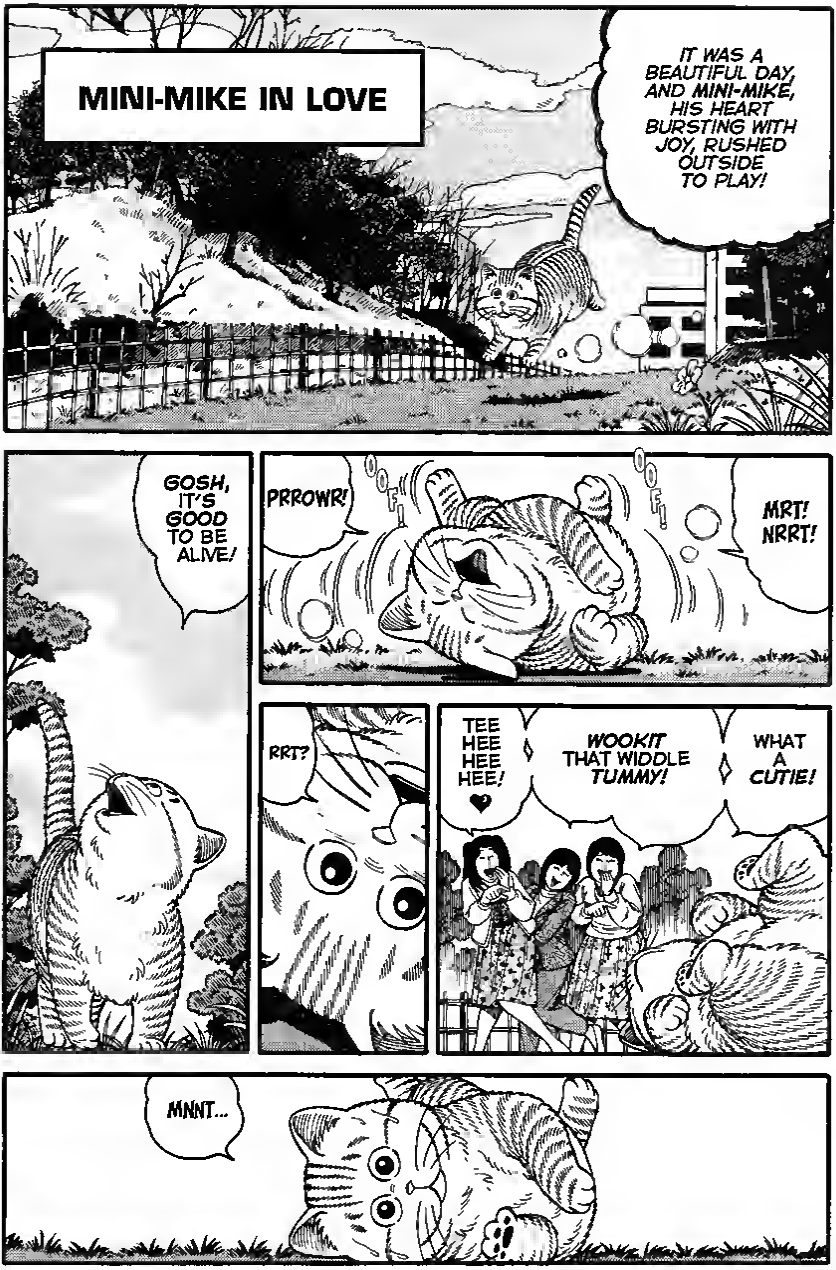
SEIICHI ASANO, FARMER, A WARO...
CHARLES? CAT? OH, HIM.
HE WAS EYEIN' OUR CHICKENS, SO I CLOCKED HIM GOOD WITH A ROCK!
THE MAGNIFICENT YAMAMOTO, ANIMAL PSYCHIC, C WARD...
I SEE ZEE CHAT UNDER A BREEDGE.
IT LOOKS AZ EEF HE HEV LE TUMMY ACHE, SO I ASSK TO HEEM, "ARE YOU LE OKAY?" "OUI, I AM LE OKAY," HE TELLS ME.
SHAAAA
HM ...?
CHARLES!

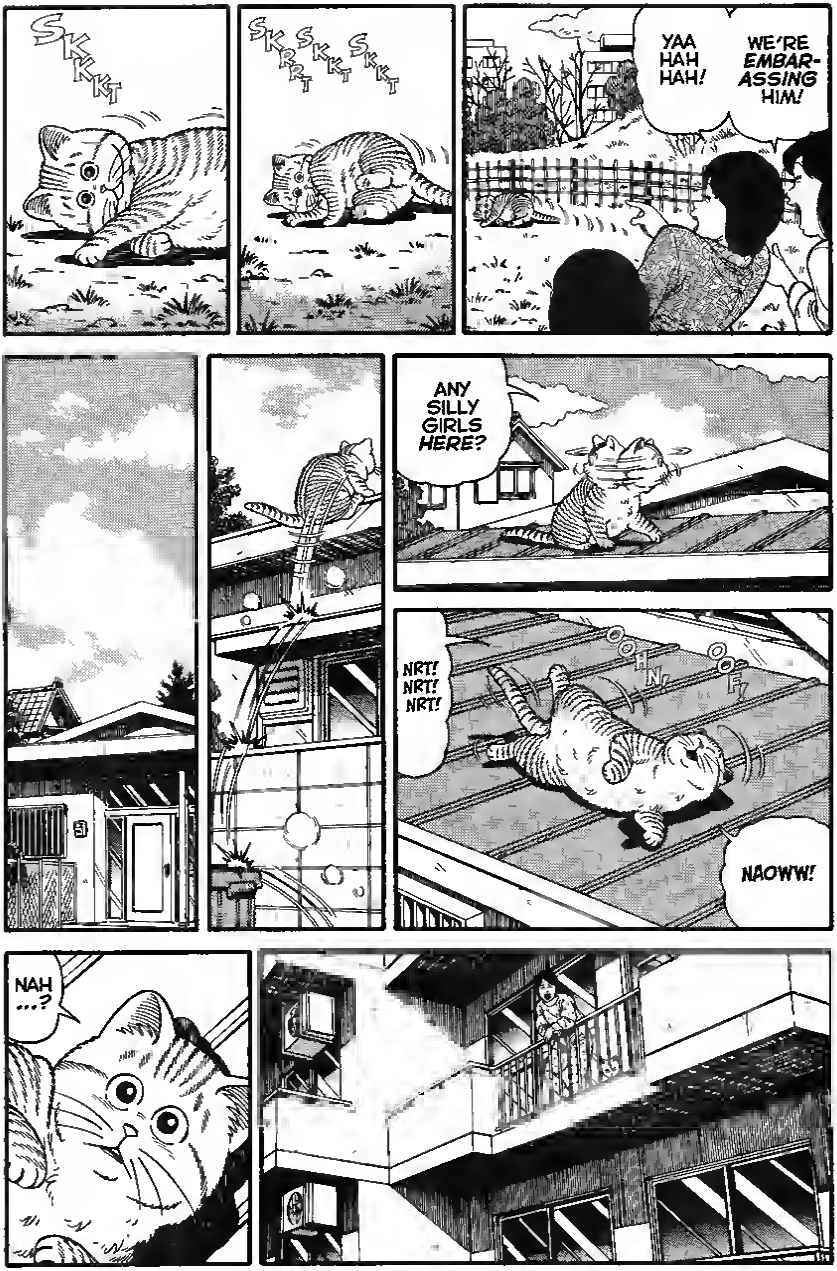
IT'S RAINING *BUCKETS*, AND YOU STILL CAME TO SEE ME...?
POOR THING. HERE, SOME DRIED SARDINES.
YOW!!
CHOMPF! CHOMPF!
HEH HEH.
TAKE YOUR TIME!
I FOUND OUT YOU'VE GOT A *HUGE TURF*, CHARLES.
I HAD NO *IDEA!*
BUT... YOU MAKE TIME FOR *ME*.
WHY DON'T YOU *LIVE* HERE? YOU CAN COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE.
CHOMPF MNCH
PRROWW.
SHLRRP

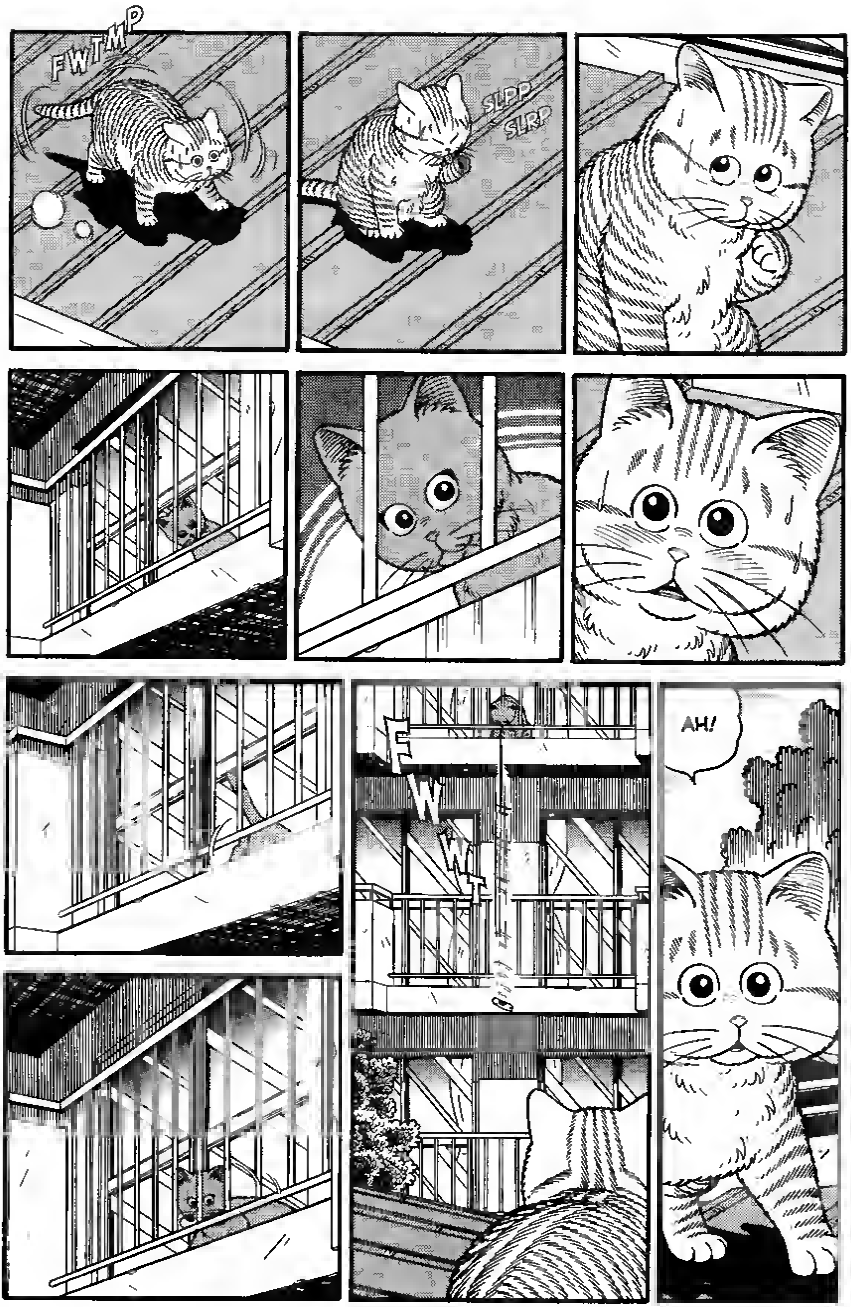
CHARLES! IT'S *POURING!*
AT LEAST STAY UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS!
....
....
HE MUST HAVE AN *INCREDIBLE* OWNER...
SHAAAAAA
YAW?!

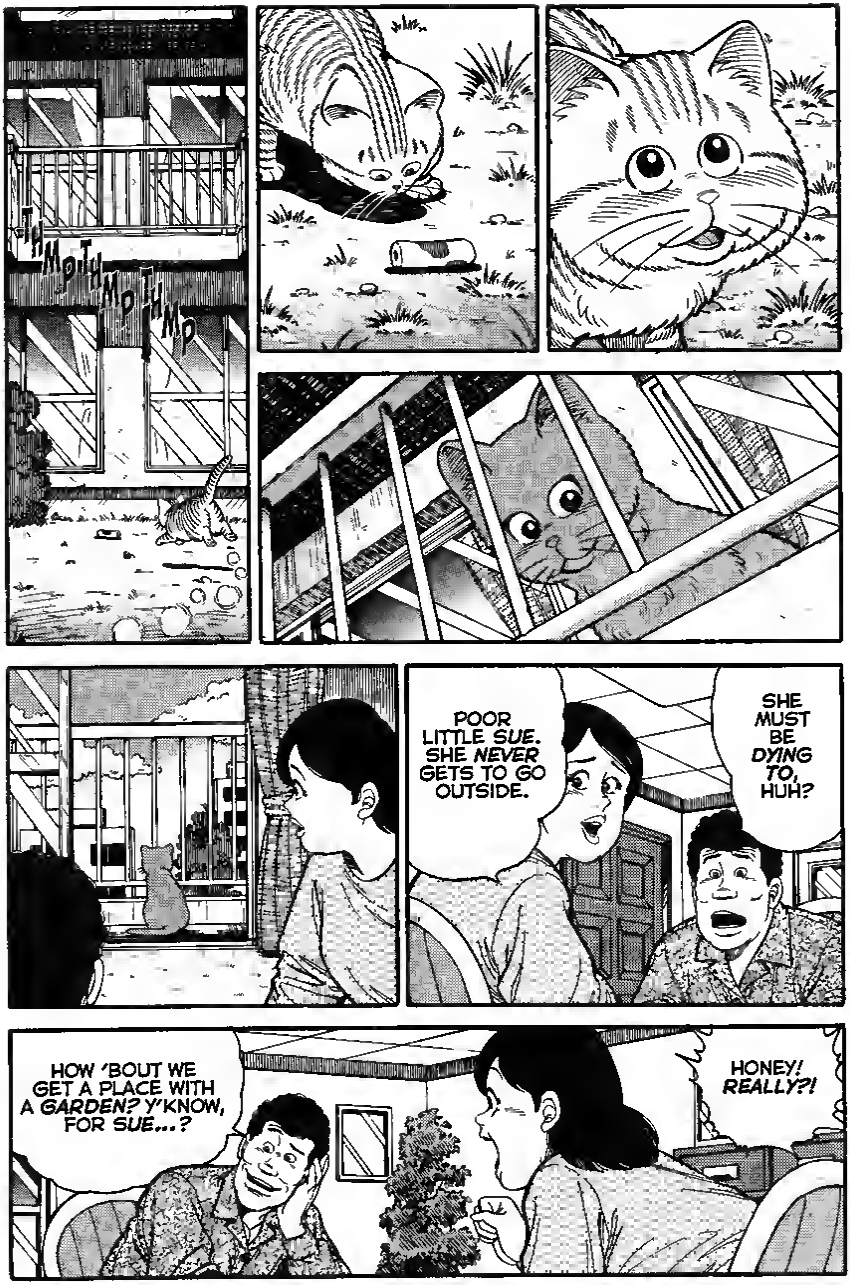

YOW!
NYEOWWW!
SKICH SKICH
....
....
BABY, YOU LOCK THEM RAIN SHUTTERS?
YEAH.

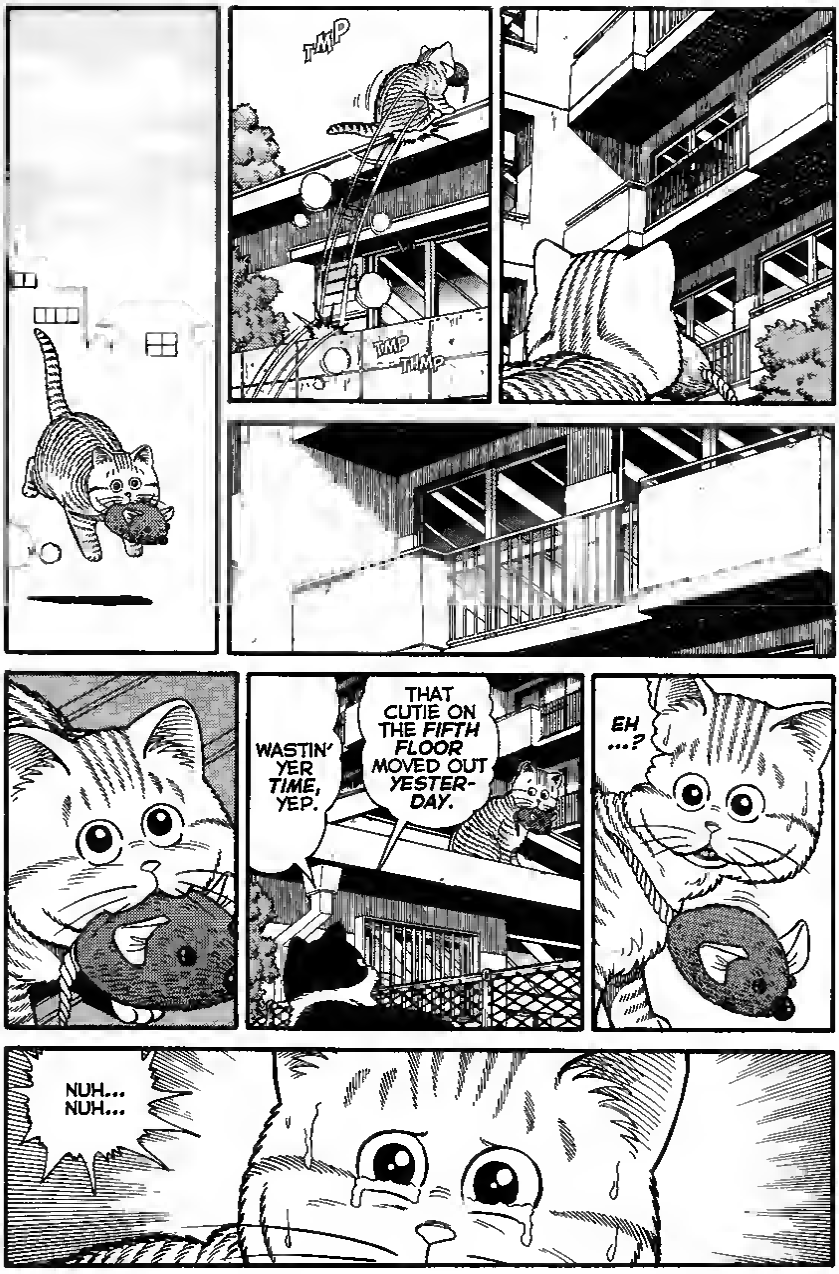
THE END

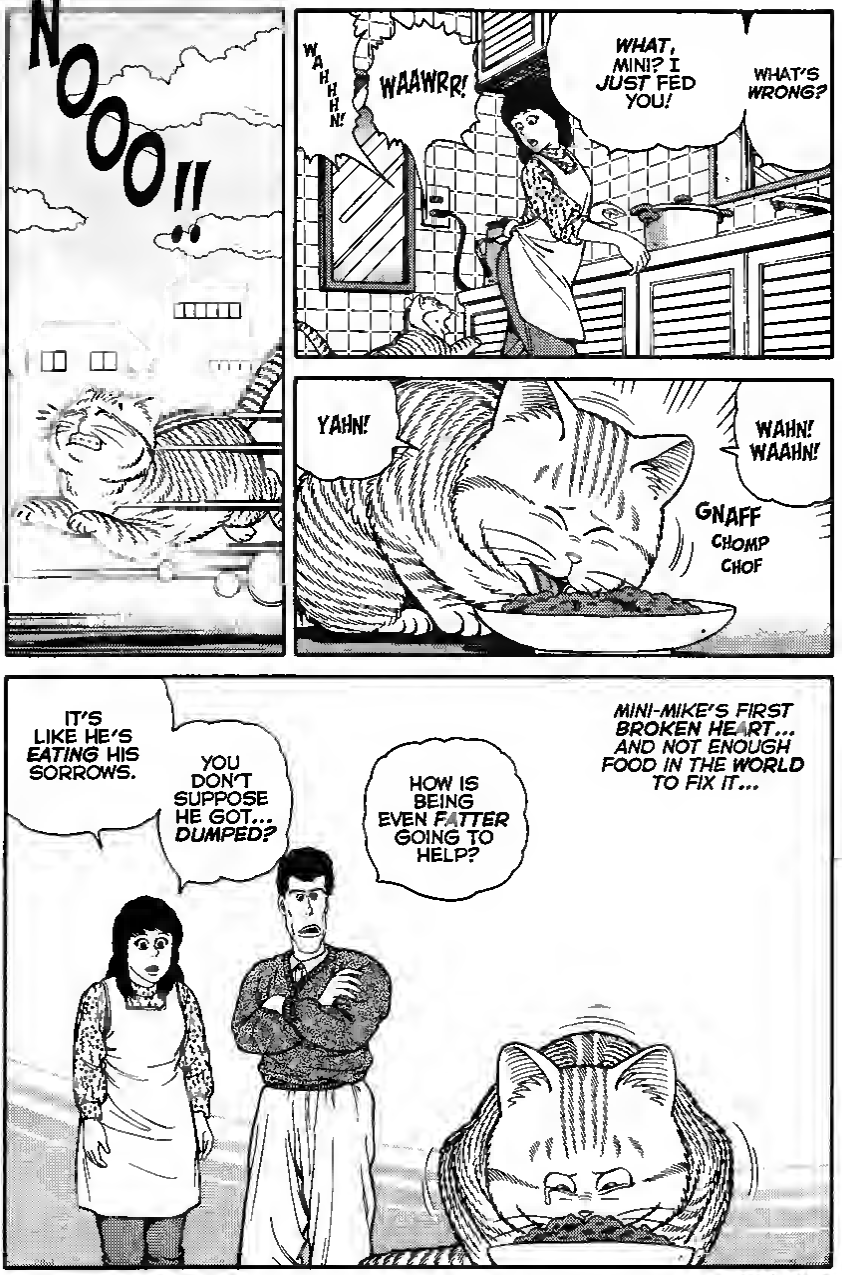

MINI-MIKE IN LOVE
IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, AND MINI-MIKE, HIS HEART BURSTING WITH JOY, RUSHED OUTSIDE TO PLAY!
GOSH, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE!
PRROWR!
OOF!
OOF!
MRT! NRRT!
RRT?
TEE HEE HEE HEE!
WOOKIT THAT WIDDLE TUMMY!
WHAT A CUTIE!
MNNT...

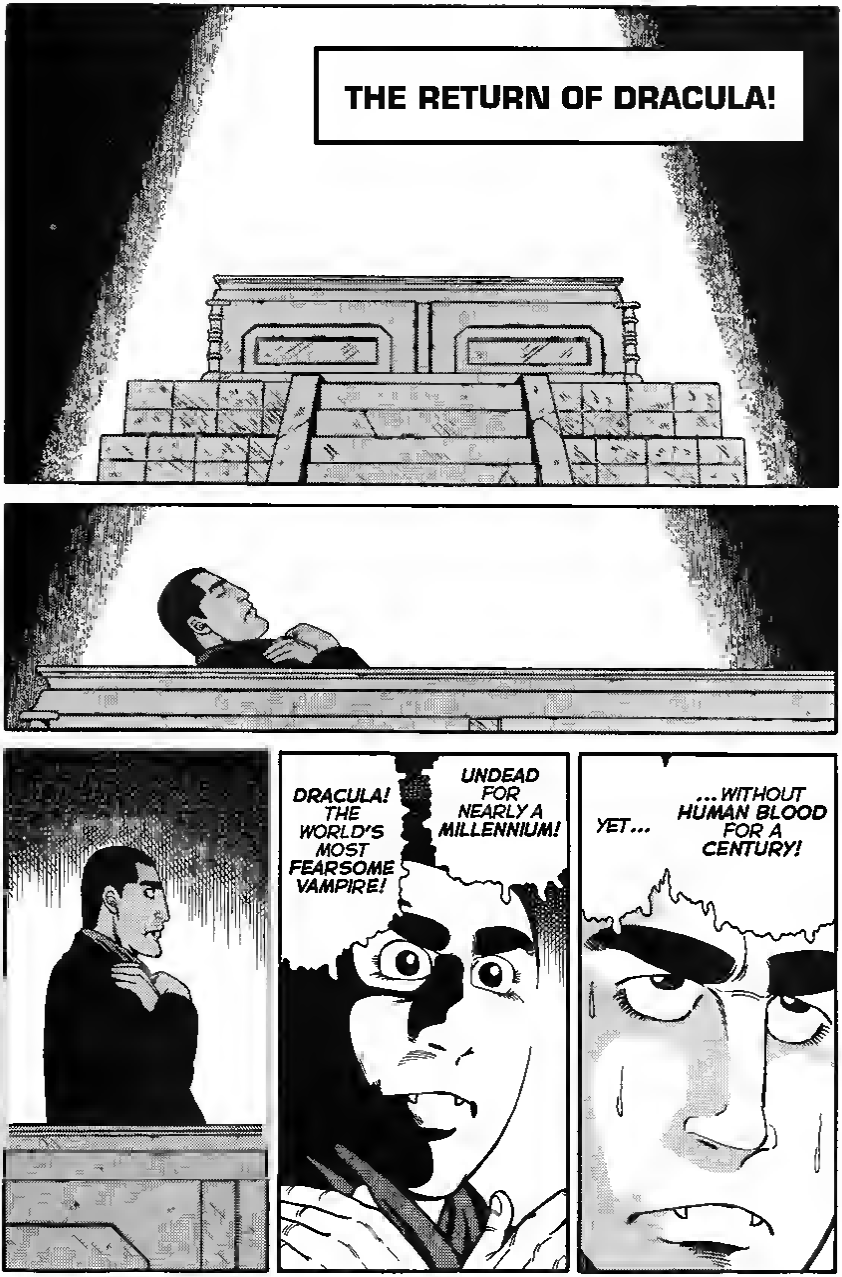

SKKKT
SKRRT SKKT SKKT
YAA HAH HAH!
WE'RE EMBARASSING HIM!
ANY SILLY GIRLS HERE?
NRT! NRT! NRT!
NAOWW!
NAH ...?

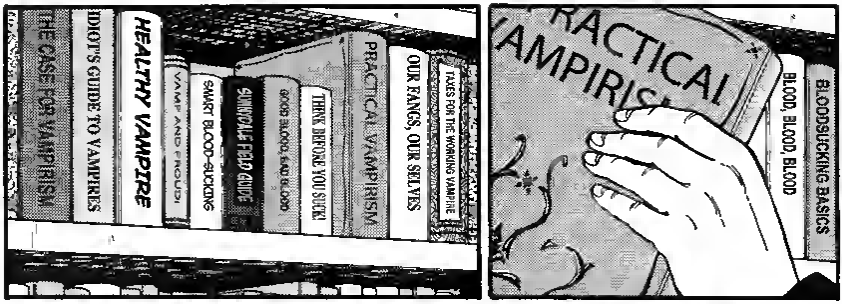

FWTMP
SLRP
SLRP
AH!

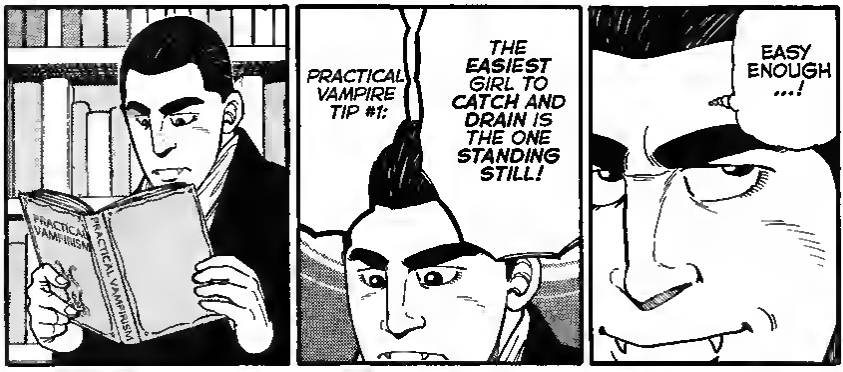

THMPTH MPTH MP
POOR LITTLE SUE. SHE NEVER GETS TO GO OUTSIDE.
SHE MUST BE DYING TO, HUH?
HOW 'BOUT WE GET A PLACE WITH A GARDEN? Y'KNOW, FOR SUE...?
HONEY! REALLY?!


THMP
THMP
THMP
WASTIN' YER TIME, YEP.
THAT CUTIE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR MOVED OUT YESTER-DAY.
EH ...?
NUH... NUH...


NOOO!!
WAHHH!
WAAWRR!
WHAT, MINI? I JUST FED YOU!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YAHN!
WAHN! WAAHN!
GNAFF
CHOMP
CHOF
IT'S LIKE HE'S EATING HIS SORROWS.
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE HE GOT... DUMPED?
HOW IS BEING EVEN FATTER GOING TO HELP?
MINI-MIKE'S FIRST BROKEN HEART... AND NOT ENOUGH FOOD IN THE WORLD TO FIX IT...
THE END

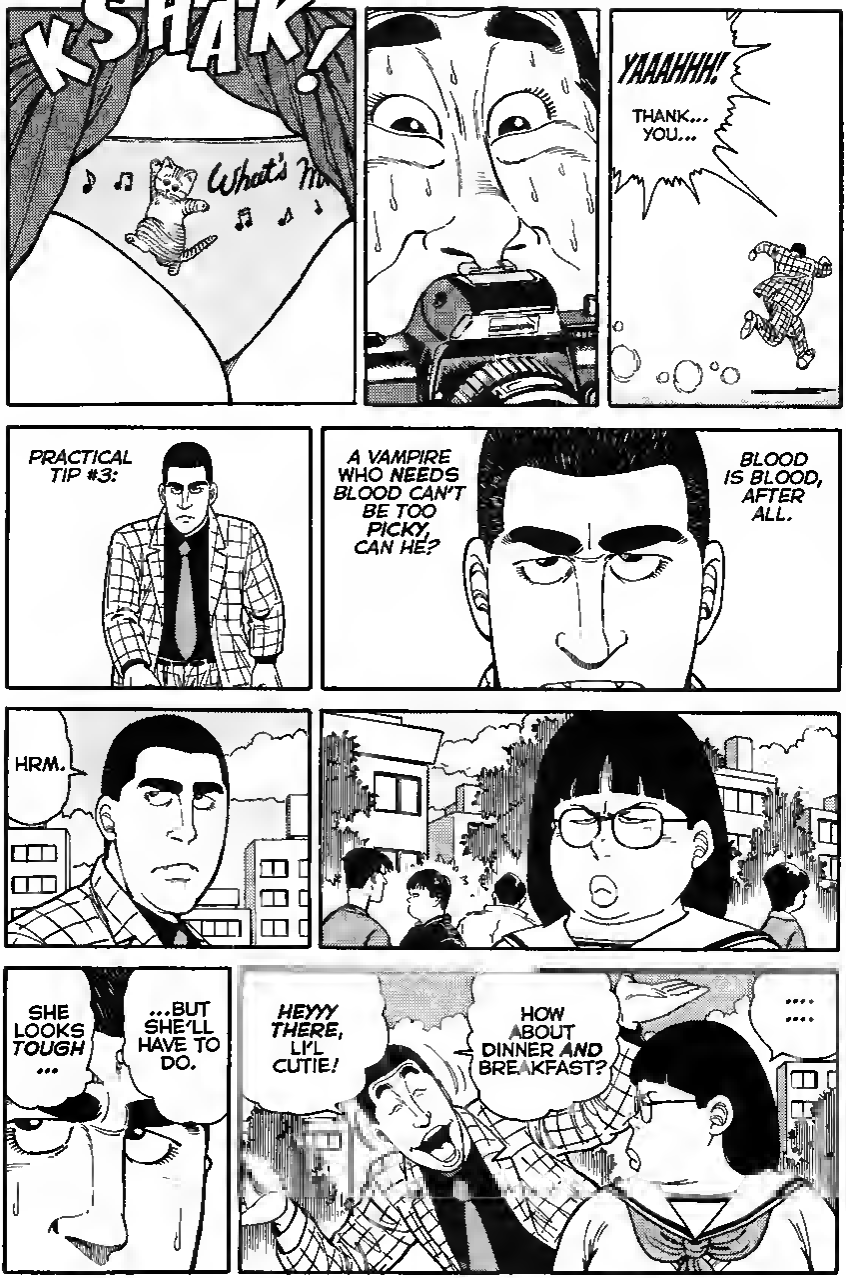

THE RETURN OF DRACULA!
DRACULA! THE WORLD'S MOST FEARSOME VAMPIRE!
UNDEAD FOR NEARLY A MILLENNIUM!
YET...
...WITHOUT HUMAN BLOOD FOR A CENTURY!


BLOODSUCKING BASICS
BLOOD, BLOOD, BLOOD
OUR FANGS, OURSELVES
PRACTICAL VAMPIRISM
THINK BEFORE YOU SUCK!
SKINSCALE FIELD GUIDE
SMART BLOOD-SUCKING
HEALTHY VAMPIRE
IDIOT'S GUIDE TO VAMPIRES
THE CASE FOR VAMPIRISM


EASY ENOUGH ...!
PRACTICAL VAMPIRE TIP #1:
THE EASIEST GIRL TO CATCH AND DRAIN IS THE ONE STANDING STILL!
PRACTICAL VAMPIRISM

THAT ONE HAS BEEN STILL FOR FIVE MINUTES...
SHE'S PERFECT!
UH, GOOD DAY!
YES?
SKEEE!
SOME-THING WRONG?
NUH NUH NUH--
NUH!
N-NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!

PRACTICAL TIP #2:
PHOTOGRAPHERS CAN GET A GIRL TO DO ANYTHING!
PARDON ME, MISS!
I'M FROM MODERN WEEKLY'S "SHOW US YOUR PANTIES" SPECIAL! HOW ABOUT A SHOT?
OOOH ...!
OH, PLEASE? JUST ONE?!
I'M SORRY TO BEG, BUT IT'S MY JOB!
WHO, ME?!
NO WAY! I COULDN'T POSSIBLY--
REALLY FAST, OKAY?
TAKE IT QUICK!
READY!
ONE, TWO...
THREE!
FWIP!


KSHAK!
YAAAHHH!
THANK... YOU...
PRACTICAL TIP #3:
A VAMPIRE WHO NEEDS BLOOD CAN'T BE TOO PICKY, CAN HE?
BLOOD IS BLOOD, AFTER ALL.
HRM.
SHE LOOKS TOUGH...
...BUT SHE'LL HAVE TO DO.
HEYYY THERE, LI'L CUTIE!
HOW ABOUT DINNER AND BREAKFAST?
....
....

NICE TRY, PAL.
I'VE GOT A BOYFRIEND.
ACK!
HN?
SHLERRP!
WHY, YOU...!
IF I DON'T GET ANY, YOU DON'T GET ANY!
BZZZZZ
DRACULA... SUCKING WITH THE LADIES, BUT NOT IN THE WAY HE'D LIKE!

THE END

HELLOOO! YOUR LITTLE SIS IS HERE!
HELLO!
TALKING WITH THE ANIMALS
HANA!
HI!!
DROP YOUR STUFF! I'LL MAKE US TEA!
OH, DON'T MAKE A FUSS!
WOOONG!
HELLO, MICHAEL!!
SUCH A NICE KITTY, TELLING ME HELLO!
WAWWR!
NOPE! WRONG!
HE'S SAYING, "MY TUMMY'S EMPTY!"
HE IS?

RAWWN!
ROWWN!
THAT'S ENOUGH, MIKE!
THIS IS MY SISTER! BE NICE!
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS!
LEAVE IT TO MY BIG SIS TO KNOW "KITTY."
OHH ...!
POPO!
....
.....
MYA! MRRAW!
MYA!
THANK YOU!
HELLO TO YOU, TOO!

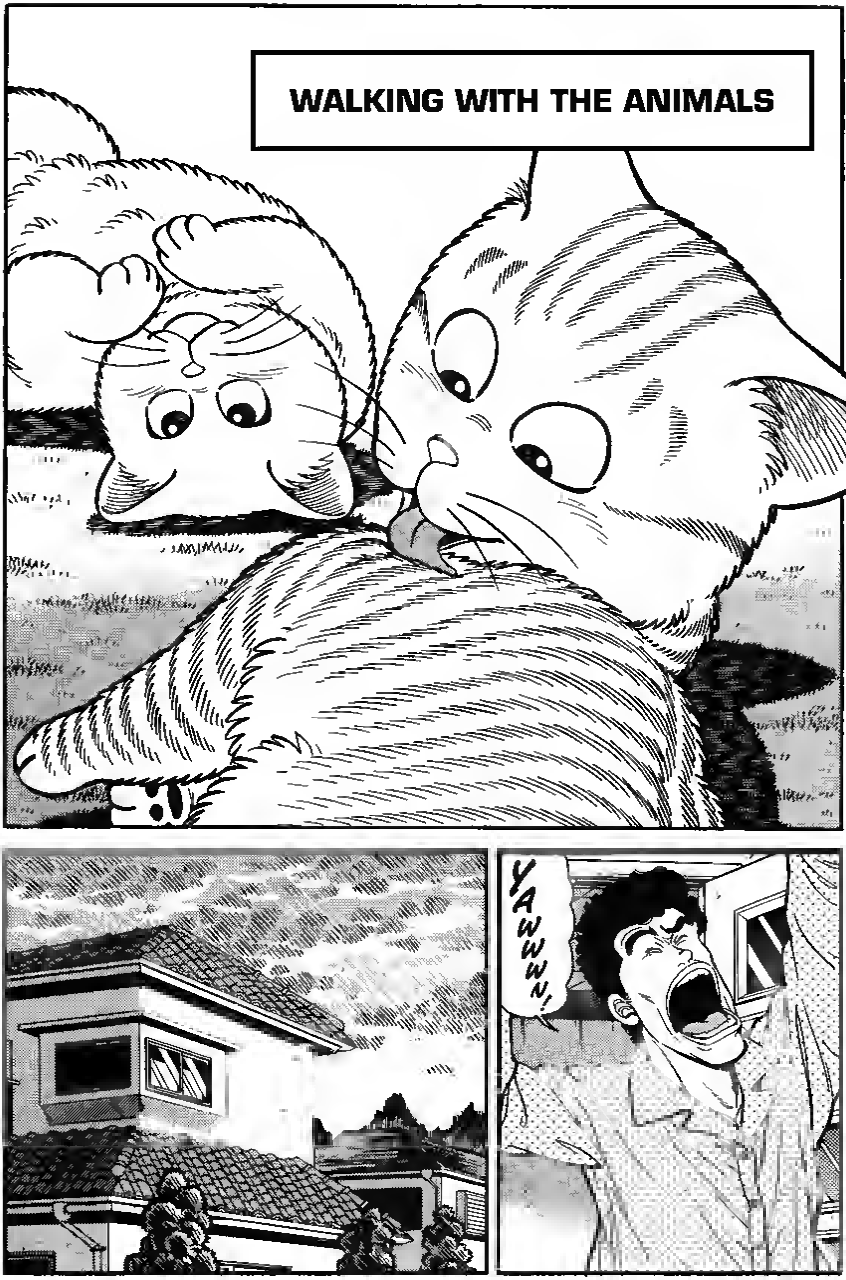
ER...ACTUALLY SHE SAID, "YOU'RE IN MY SPOT! MOVE IT!"
MRRT MRRRT!
MRRN! MRT!
...?
OKAY, THEN, WHAT'S HE SAYING?
"LOOK, A PEN."
AWWN! AHM!
SQUEE!

TAMAMI!
YOU'RE GETTING SO BIG!
AH!
AH!
YES?
WHAT?
PAT
PAT
SHE SAYS, "STAND HERE."
UHH ...?
LIKE THIS?
OUUU.
UH! UH! UH!
Y-YES?

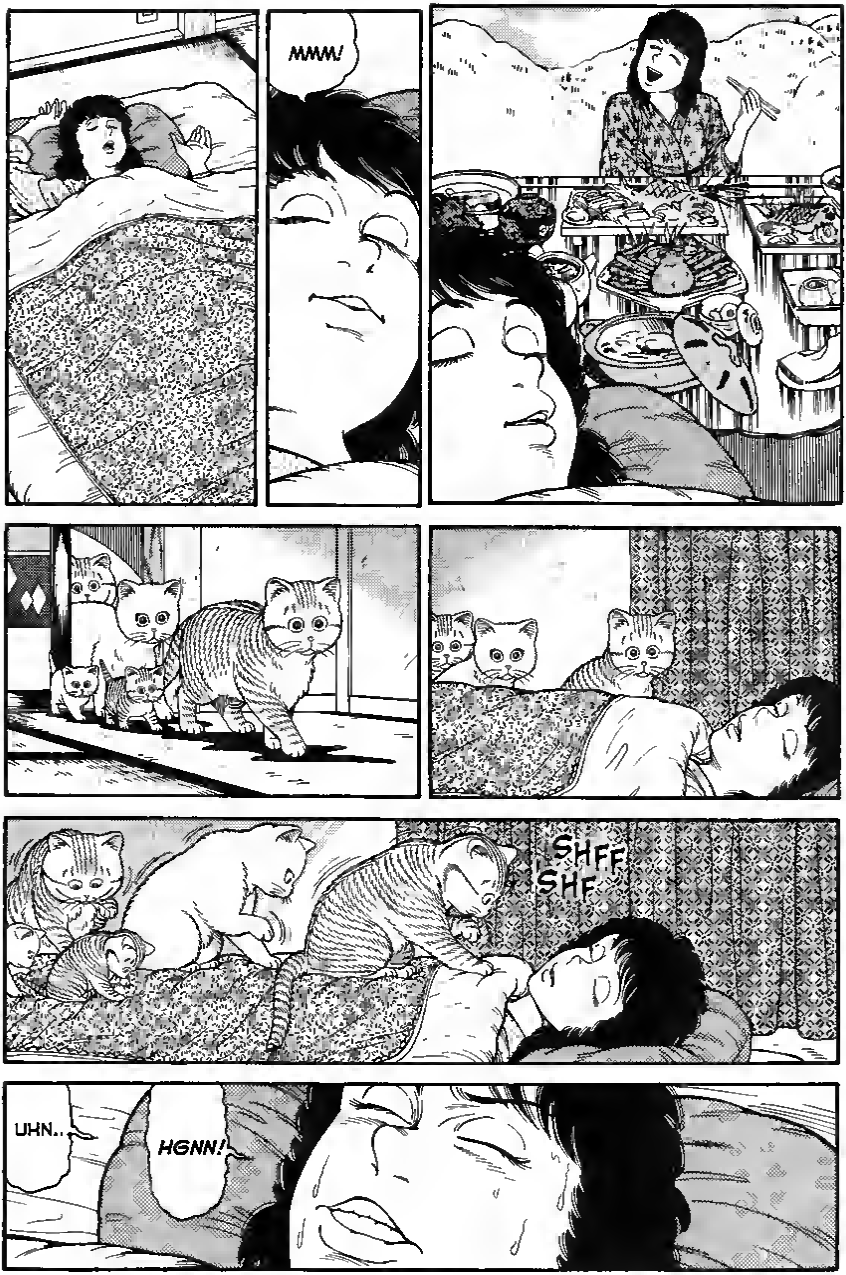
SHE'S SAYING, "DO IT WITH ME!"
SHAYYYY!
SPAHHH!
R-REALLY?
HM?
KRIT
HOWDY, HANA! GOOD TO SEE YOU!
OH, HEE HEE, HI!
IS S/S TREATING YOU RIGHT?
AAAH... HEY...
WHAT...?

NARA-ZUKE... PICKLES?
VACUUM CLEANER!
OH...
ALL RIGHT.
WOW...
OH, HE SAID, "I WANT A NEW CAR," AND I SAID, "ARE YOU NUTS?"
SIS, TELL ME! WHAT'D YOU SAY?
HM?
ROUUN! MAWWN!
YOUR LITTER BOX NEEDS SCOOPING?
JUST A MINUTE!
THE GOOD WIFE SPEAKS KITTY, BABY, AND HUSBAND.

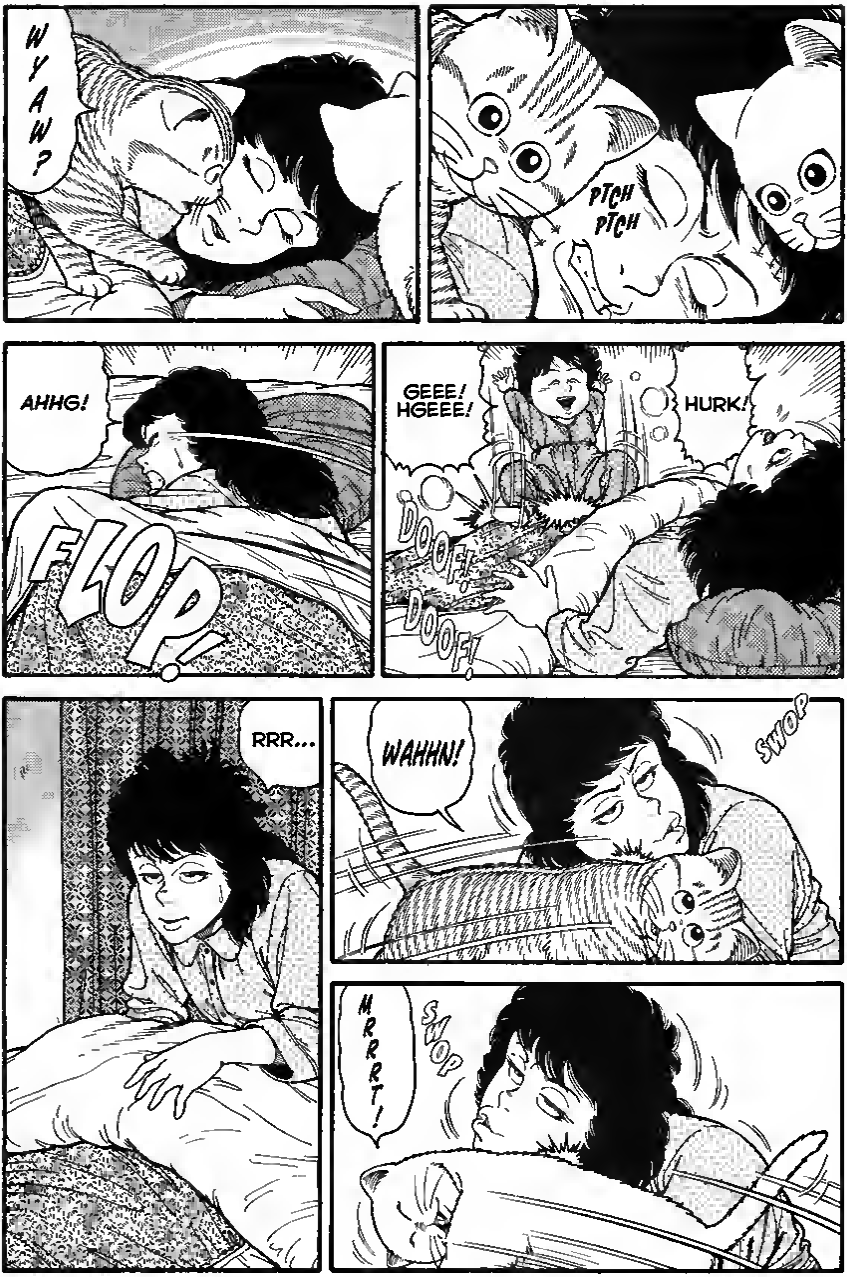
THE END


WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS
YAWWWN!

OH! GOOD MORNING!
MORNING, HANA. YOU COULD'VE SLEPT IN... IT'S SUNDAY.
I SLEPT GREAT! IT WAS TIME TO RISE!
IS MY SISTER UP?
NOPE, STILL SLEEPING.
SHE'S NOT A MORNING PERSON, YOU KNOW.
IF SHE'S SLEEPY OR HUNGRY, BE VERY AFRAID.
OHH, SHE'S LAZY!
JUST LIKE WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
I'LL GET HER UP!
NO NEED.
WE'VE GOT THE PROS FOR THAT.
THE... PROS ...?


MMM!
SHFF
SHF
UHN..
HGNN!

FLOP!
GEHDOUHH!
MII?
EYEE...
NODGE...
MOUFF...
EEEAR!
FLOP
GAHNNG!

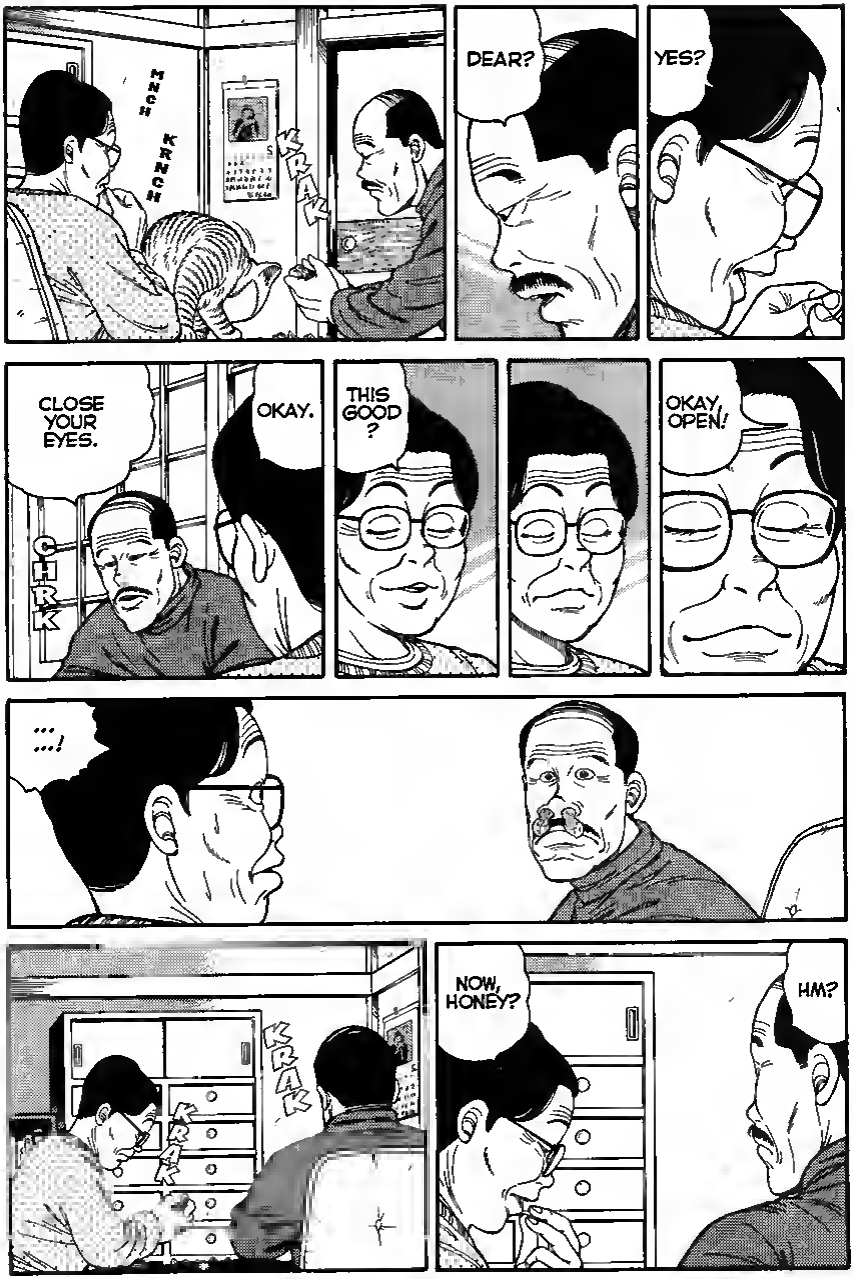

WYAW?
PTCH PTCH
AHHG!
FLOP!
GEEE! HGEEE!
HURK!
DOOF! DOOF!
RRR...
WAHHN!
STOP
MRRRT!
STOP

YEEE!
DONK K!
GUH...
SHRAK
GOOD MORNING!
YOU'RE UP EARLY!
GOOOD ...IS IT?
SEE?
WOW!
THEY ARE PROS!
THE GOOD WIFE RISES WITH THE SUN.
THE END

KRAK
MNCH
MNCH
THE QUIET COUPLE
KRZZH
KRZZH
WOULDA BEEN NICE IF THE KIDS CAME TO SEE US BEFORE GOIN' TO HAWAII...
KRAK
HAPPY LONELY NEW YEAR!

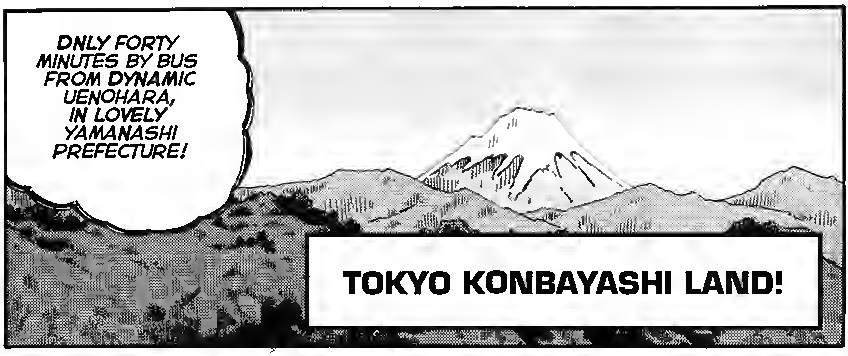
NOW, NOW.
THEY'RE NOT LIKE US. TIMES'RE DIFFER-ENT.
KRIK
HEH...
DIF-FER-ENT.
HMCH HMCH
OKAY...
...HERE'S A PUZZLE.
KRK
HMM?
IS THIS...
...MIKE'S FRONT PAW...OR HIS BACK PAW?
AH!
BACK.
NO, WAIT!
FRONT! FRONT PAW!
YOU SURE?
LET'S SEE.
FWWP
BZZZT!
BACK PAW!
NAOWR?!
!!

MRCH MNCH
KRAK
MY TURN.
KRK
!!
WHEN I STICK THIS NUT UP TO MICHAEL'S NOSE...
...WHAT FACE WILL HE MAKE?
HNNN...
THIS FACE.
THINK SO?
LET'S FIND OUT.
NYERR
PCH
WRONG! THIS FACE!
THANKS FOR PLAYING!
HN.

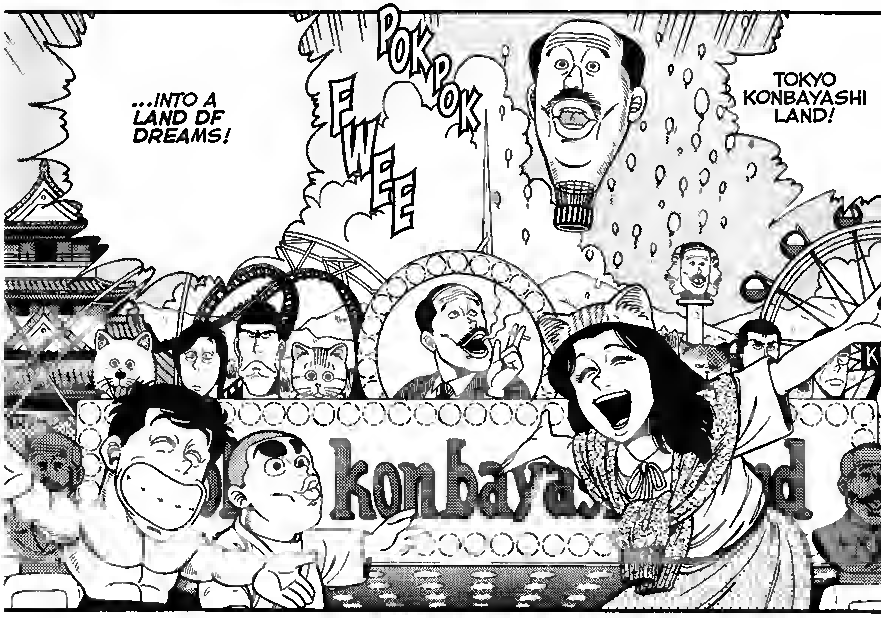

MNCH
KRNCH
KRAK
DEAR?
YES?
CLOSE YOUR EYES.
OKAY.
CHK
THIS GOOD ?
OKAY, OPEN!
...!
KRAK
KRAK
NOW, HONEY?
HM?

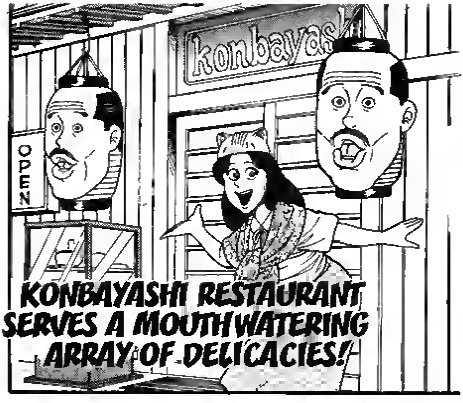
YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES!
HM...
LIKE THIS?
...
...
READY!
YII!
PIKK
KRAK
HEH.

HMM/
RATS/
HA HA HA/ GOTCHA/
SOME COUPLES ENJOY SIMPLE PLEASURES (WEIRD, BUT SIMPLE).
THE END


ONLY FORTY MINUTES BY BUS FROM DYNAMIC UENOHARA, IN LOVELY YAMANASHI PREFECTURE!
TOKYO KONBAYASHI LAND!

ACROSS A RUSTIC SUSPENSION BRIDGE, FAMOUS FOR SUICIDES...
DON'T DO IT! THINK AGAIN!


...INTO A LAND OF DREAMS!
POK POK
EEE
TOKYO KONBAYASHI LAND!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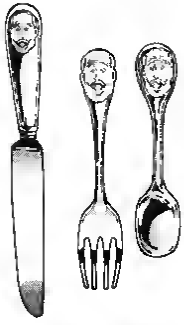
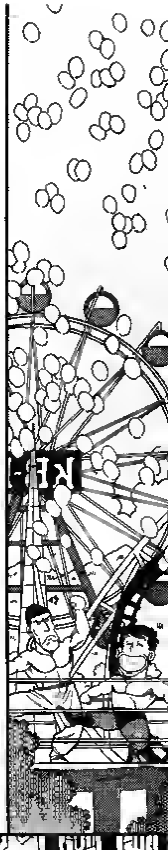
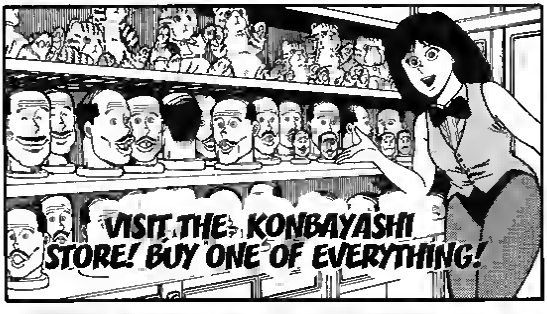
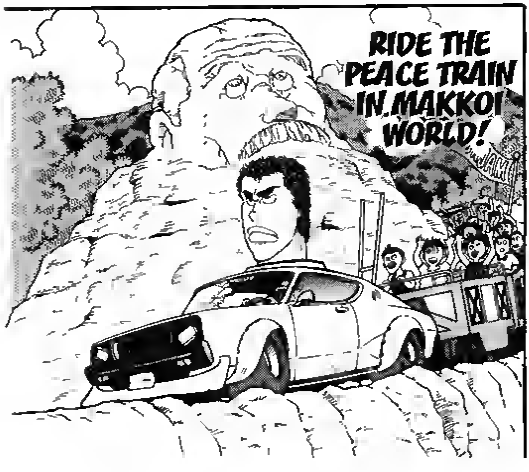
OPEN
KONBAYASHI RESTAURANT SERVES A MOUTHWATERING ARRAY OF DELICACIES!






VISIT THE KONBAYASHI STORE! BUY ONE OF EVERYTHING!

Tokyo konbayashiland

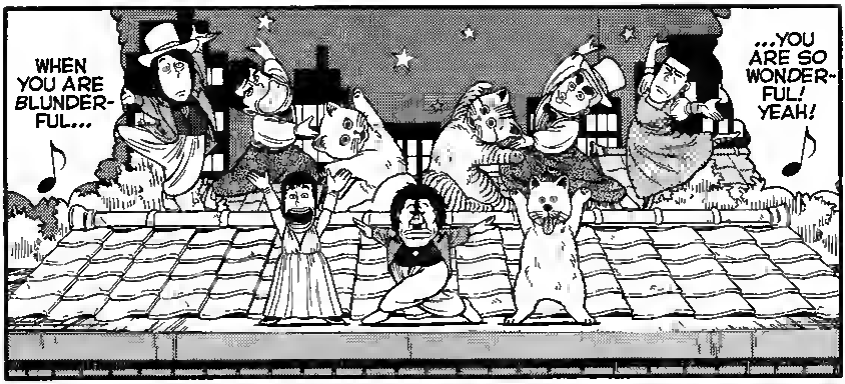

RIDE THE PEACE TRAIN IN MAKKOI WORLD!

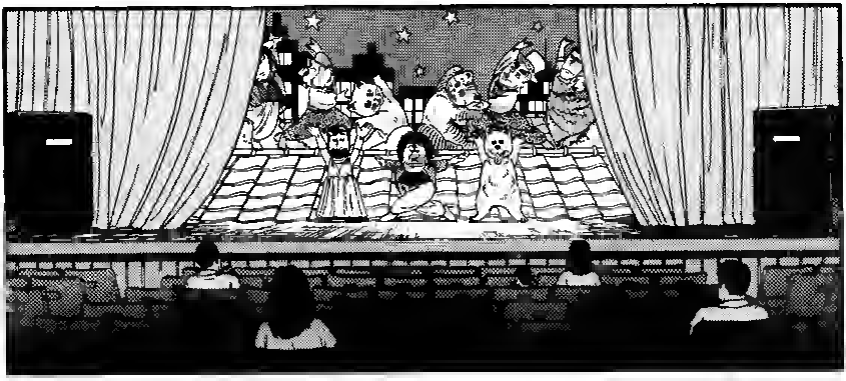
THE MERRY-GO-ROUND OF LOVE!

WELCOME TO
DREAMLAND!
MEET THE MERRY WRESTLERS!
$30.00 EACH

MICHAEL, IT'S WONDER-FUL!
POPO, WHAT'S WONDERFUL?
I THINK, I THINK...
...I'M GOING TO HAVE MORE BABIES!
YOU ARE?
WONDERFUL!

WE DO MEAN--
--WONDERFUL!
CATS ARE SO WONDER-FUL!
OH, SO WONDER-FUL!

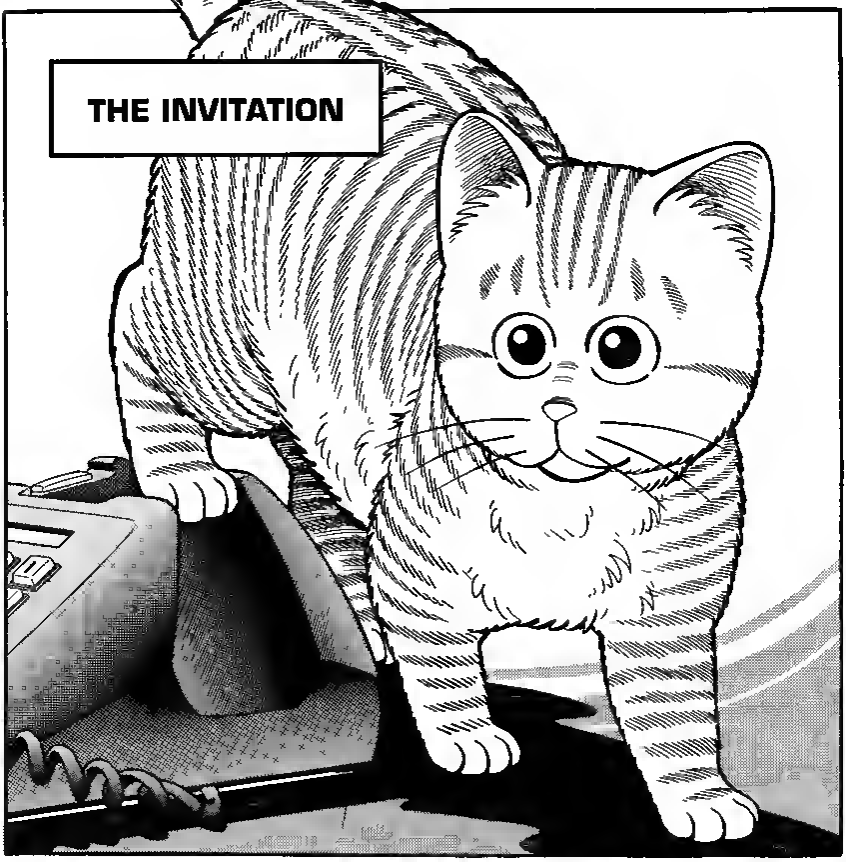

WHEN YOU ARE BLUNDER-FUL...
...YOU ARE SO WONDER-FUL! YEAH!



TOKYO KONBAYASHI LAND: BANKRUPT... AND EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT.

ACCORDING TO RUMOR, CHAIRMAN KONBAYASHI WAS LAST SEEN STANDING ON SUICIDE BRIDGE...
DON'T DO IT! THINK AGAIN!

THE END


THE INVITATION

BOOP BOOP BOOP
BEEP BEEP
BOOP BOOP
BRRRING
BRRRINGG

KCHAK
HELLO!
OH!
UM, KEIKO?
IT'S ME. UH... ISHIKAWA!
HM? OH, NORIO! HI! HOW ARE YOU?
HEH! HANGIN' IN.
SO, WHAT'S UP?
WELL, I... JUST... I BOUGHT A CAR.
IT'S A MINI COOPER. IT'S SMALL... BUT... IT'S CUTE, ER, BRITISH.
OH WOW! FOR REAL?!
I JUST GOT SOMETHING, TOO! A KITTEN!
HIS NAME'S MICHAEL! HE'S JAPANESE!
HE'S TOO CUTE FOR WORDS!
OH, UH, THAT'S REALLY... GREAT.
SO I WAS THINK-ING...
THIS SUN... ER... SUNDAY...
WHAT?
NO YOU DIDN'T!
...ARE YOU, UH... FREE?

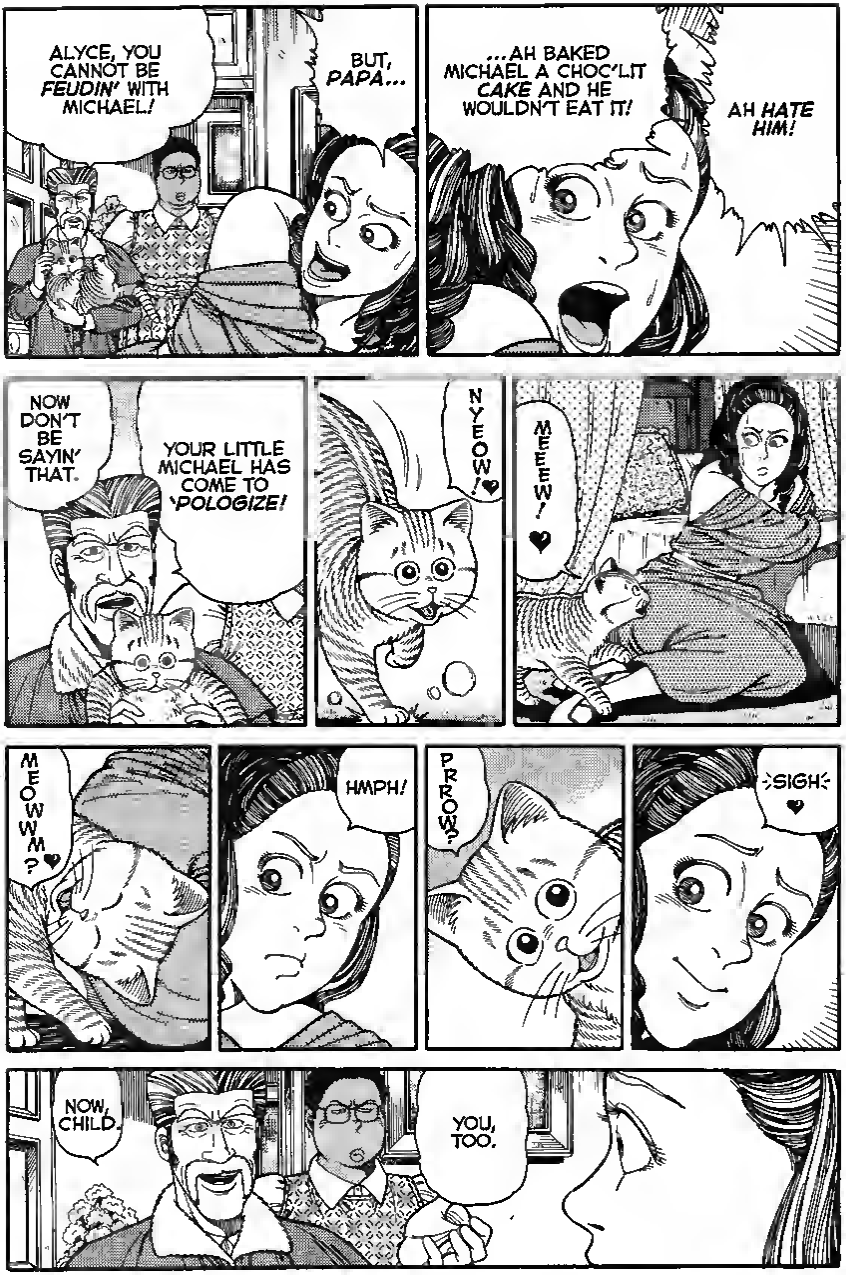
THAT'S MY FISH ROLL!
GIVE IT BACK! DON'T YOU---!
TMP TMP TMP
TMP TMP TMP
HEY? HELLO ??
....
....
TMP TMP TMP TMP
KCHAK
OH GAWD, I'M SO SORREEE!
MICHAEL STOLE MY SNACK!
HAH HAHHH... I, UHM, WAS WONDERING.
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ?
OH... WELL...
MY MINI'S REALLY COMFORT-ABLE, AND WE...
COULD TAKE IN SOME SCENERY--?
YEEAAWH!

DAMMIT! THAT HURT!
AOWW!
UH...!
DON'T JUMP ON MY LEG!
HOLY COW!
SIIIGH
I'M REALLY SORRY.
WHAT ABOUT SCENERY?
I...
I...
RIGHT.
SO...
SUN-DAY?
I COULD PICK Y--
MICHAEL! NO WAY!
YOU WILL NOT CLAW THAT CHAIR!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
....
....
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

KCHAK!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME?
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT?
RIGHT.
SO SUN-OAY--
MICHAEL! NO! DON'T!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
....
....
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
....
....
KCHAK!
HA HA HA! I SHOULDN'T LAUGH!
BUT MICHAEL! HEEE! HE FELL OFF THE TV! BUT HE'S FINE.
IS HE?
WHERE WERE WE?
UMM ...

THIS! SUN-DAY!
GO! DRIV-ING!
WITH! ME?!
HAHH
HAHF HAHH
PREOW?
HIKKT
AWWW! DIDJA HEAR HIM?
EH?
THAT WAS MICHAEL!
OOH, YOU IS DEH SHWEETEST!
AH... DO YOU TWO...
...WANT TO BE ALONE?
NORIO ISHIKAWA: BECOMING A DOG PERSON.
THE END

MICHAEL, AH HATE YOU!
TEARFUL ALYCE
FINE! WHO CARES?
BE THAT WAY!
SLAM!
!!
WHAT THE DEVIL?
ALYCE IS UPSET WITH MICHAEL?
YES SIR.
MISS ALYCE...
...AND MICHAEL BEEN FIGHTIN' SOMETHIN' FIERCE!
WHA--?
WHAT?


ALYCE, YOU CANNOT BE FEUDIN' WITH MICHAEL!
BUT, PAPA...
...AH BAKED MICHAEL A CHOC'LIT CAKE AND HE WOULDN'T EAT IT!
AH HATE HIM!
NOW DON'T BE SAYIN' THAT.
YOUR LITTLE MICHAEL HAS COME TO 'POLOGIZE!
NYEOW!
MEEEW!
MEOWWM?
HMPH!
PROW?
:SIGH:
NOW, CHILD.
YOU, TOO.

THAT'S BETTER.
OO-OH!
YOU'RE AWFUL!
BTAM
TMP TMP
AH HATE YOU!
ALYCE?
MICHAEL WASN'T 'POLOGIZ-ING!
:SOB!: HE WAS JUST HUNGRY!!
TMP TMP TMP
....
....

MIKE?
AH'M SORRY AH GOT SO ANGRY
AH MADE YOU A MAKE-UP PRESENT!
.....
.....
YOU'RE HORRI-BLE!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
ALYCE ?
AH MADE MICHAEL TH' LOVELIEST PRESENT!
AND HE HATES IT!
.....
.....

OH?
MIKE?
NYEOWM!
YOU WANT TO SNUGGLE UP WITH ME?
IT'S OKAY. YOU COME RIGHT IN.
:GIGGLE!: YOU'RE DARLIN'
AH KNEW YOU LOVED ME, MICHAEL.
FINE! BE THAT WAY!
AH HATE YOU!
ALYCE! WHAT NOW?!

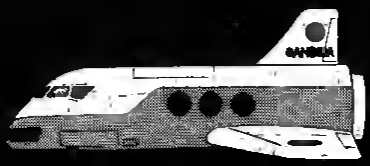
AH THOUGHT MICHAEL WANTED TO SLEEP WITH ME...
...BUT HE WAS JUST COOOLD! WAAAA!
DEAR ...
LORD ...
AH!
YEWWW
SIR! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DON'T YOU GO AILIN' ON ME!
AH'M... AH'M FINE...
JUST A BIT... PEAKED...
THE COLONEL WAS REGRETTING THAT KITTENS GROW UP TO BE CATS... AND THAT SPOILED DAUGHTERS DON'T GROW UP AT ALL.

THE END

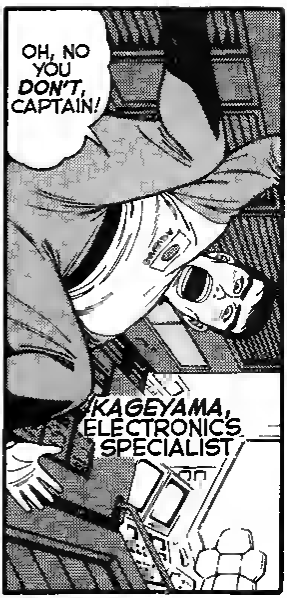
PLANET OF THE CATS!

THE STARSHIP *GANBIDA.*

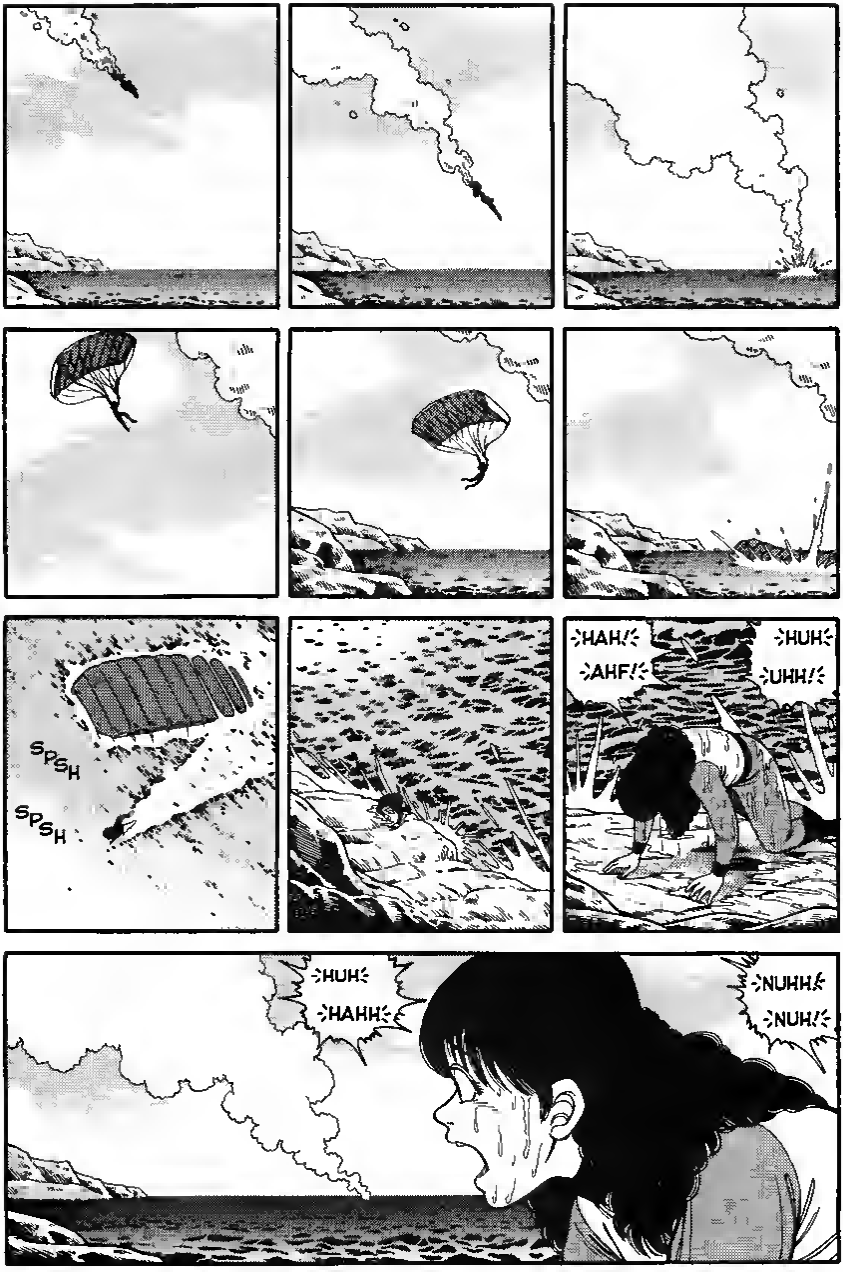
THE YEAR: 2089. MANKIND HAS FINALLY *BROKEN* THE LIGHTSPEED BARRIER. THE INFINITE REACHES OF SPACE ARE HIS AT LAST!



CHAPTER ONE: THE CRASH



WE'VE BEEN IN ZERO GRAVITY FOR TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS.
SIR, IF YOUR LEG MUSCLES *ATROPHY*, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND WHEN WE GET BACK TO EARTH.
I AIN'T *DUMB*, KID!
DANG, I WISH WE WAS *HOME*.
DOONG!
HAH ?!
WHAT'N *TAR-NATION*?!
C-*CAPTAIN! EMER-GENCY!*
WHAT'S *WRONG*?!
HIT *COSMIC DUST!*
CON-TROLS ARE *FRIED!*
WHAT THE--?!
AIIEEE!
WE'RE GONNA *HIT* THAT *PLANET!*
WE'RE *DOOMED!*
KRAKABOOM


SPSH
SPSH
HAH!
AHF!
HUH
UHH!
HUH
HAHH
NUHH
NUH

WH-WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
AND... AM I...
...THE ONLY SURVIVOR?
AT... AT LEAST ...
...I CAN BREATHE THE AIR.
I'VE GOT TO FIND THE OTHERS !!
AH ?!
PUFF
IT'S ...
IT'S A CAT!
A CAT IN A DRESS !!
WHICH MEANS THERE ARE HUMANS HERE!
FWWT
WAIT!

COME BACK!
I WON'T HURT YOU!
....
....
PLEASE, KITTY! DON'T RUN!
TAKE ME TO YOUR OWNER!
;GASP!;
Y-YOU...
...SPEAK CATA-LOG?!
EH?!
Y-YOU ...
...CAN TALK?!
TELL ME WHERE I AM!
EHH?!

YOO-HOO! PO-POHH!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING DOWN THERE?
MICHAEL, DARLING!
HELP!
HNG?
PUFF
OH, MY GOD! WHAT IS THAT?!
I DON'T KNOW, HONEY!
BUT IT'S HORRIBLE! AND IT TALKS!
H-HORRIBLE?

HEY! MICHAEL! POPO!
HURRY UP!
HN?!
CHAPTER TWO: THE CAPTURE!
PUFF

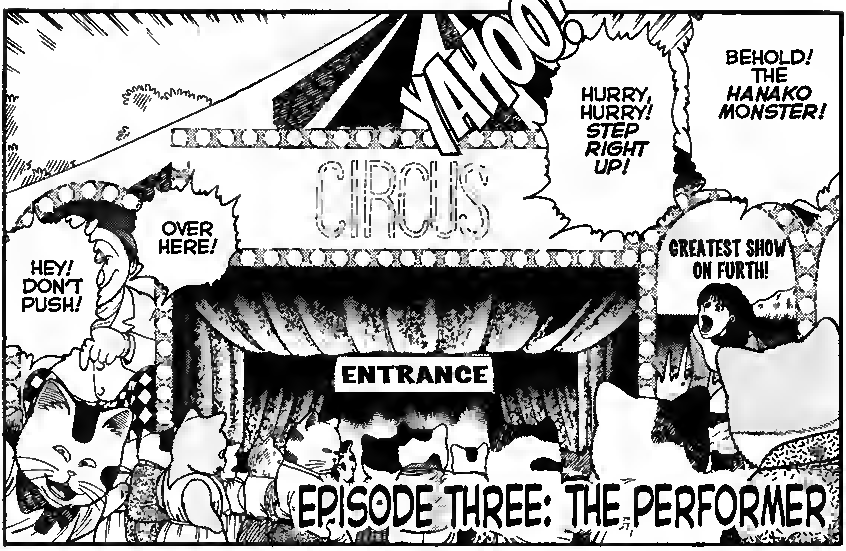
AH! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
OUTTA MY WAY!
IT'S H-HIDEOUS!
H'GGGH!
GASP!
ARE THERE NO HUMANS HERE?
IS THIS PLANET... RUN BY CATS?!
IT TALKS! THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
FELLAS, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
WHEN IN DOUBT ...
...CATCH IT AND SELL IT!
WHAAAT?

KLONK
BUT THAT'S--! I'M NOT--
YAAAH!
HRM. HMM, HNM.
THIS CREATURE IS--
BACKSCRATCH UNIVERSITY BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

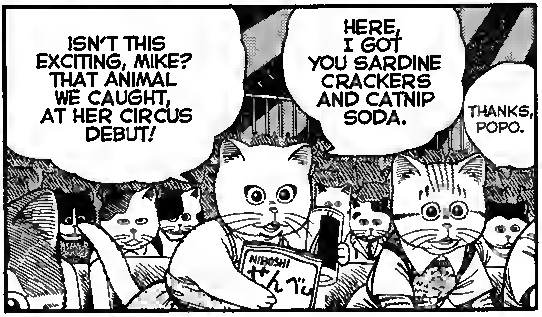
--A SPECIES OF ELE-PHANT SEAL!
NOTHING TO FEAR. NOT POISONOUS.
ELE-PHANT SEAL! I KNEW IT!
I! AM! NAWWWT!
BY JOVE!
I'M A HUMAN! FROM A PLANET CALLED EARTH! MY NAME'S HANAKO!
OUR SPACESHIP WAS DISABLED! IT CRASHED!
PLEASE, LET ME OUT!
IT'S TRUE! IT DOES TALK!
PROFESSOR! I'M SCARED!
V-VERY WELL.
LET US TEST ITS IQ!
SEAL!
YOU WILL ANSWER MY QUESTIONS!
IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, SAY SO!
NOW, WHICH ONE...

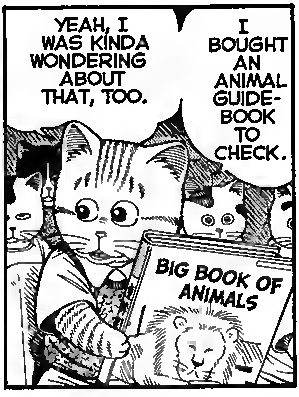
...IS THE SAME AS THIS?!
THIS ONE.
BY JOVE!!
EEEK!
IT PASSED OUR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM!
IT'S IQ IS TERRIFYING!
TOLD YA!
WHAT'S THIS SEAL WORTH TO YOU?
IN-DEED.
FIFTEEN MEOWS! FINAL OFFER!
1 MEOW = APPROX. 130 YEN
FIF-TEEN?
C'MON, IT TALKS! UNSCREW YER WALLET, PROF.
BUT...OUR RESEARCH BUDGET--
I VEEL BUY FOR ZARTY MEOWS!
SHHINK
EH?
WHOA!
WHO ARE YOU?!

I EM KATZAWEENA, OF ZE CIRQUE OE KATZAWEENA!
I VEEL TAKE CARE OF ZHEES, YOUR ELEPHAN' ZEAL!
H-HOW ABOUT IT, GUYS?
THIRTY MEOWS AIN'T BAD, MIKE.
MISS KATZA-RINA?
OUI?
DO YOU PROMISE TO FEEO IT AND CLEAN ITS LITTERBOX?
AWF CARSE!
HELP! HELLLLP!
I AM NOT AN ELEPHANT SEALLL!!
BRRRRRM
GREEN TRANSPORT



EPISODE THREE: THE PERFORMER

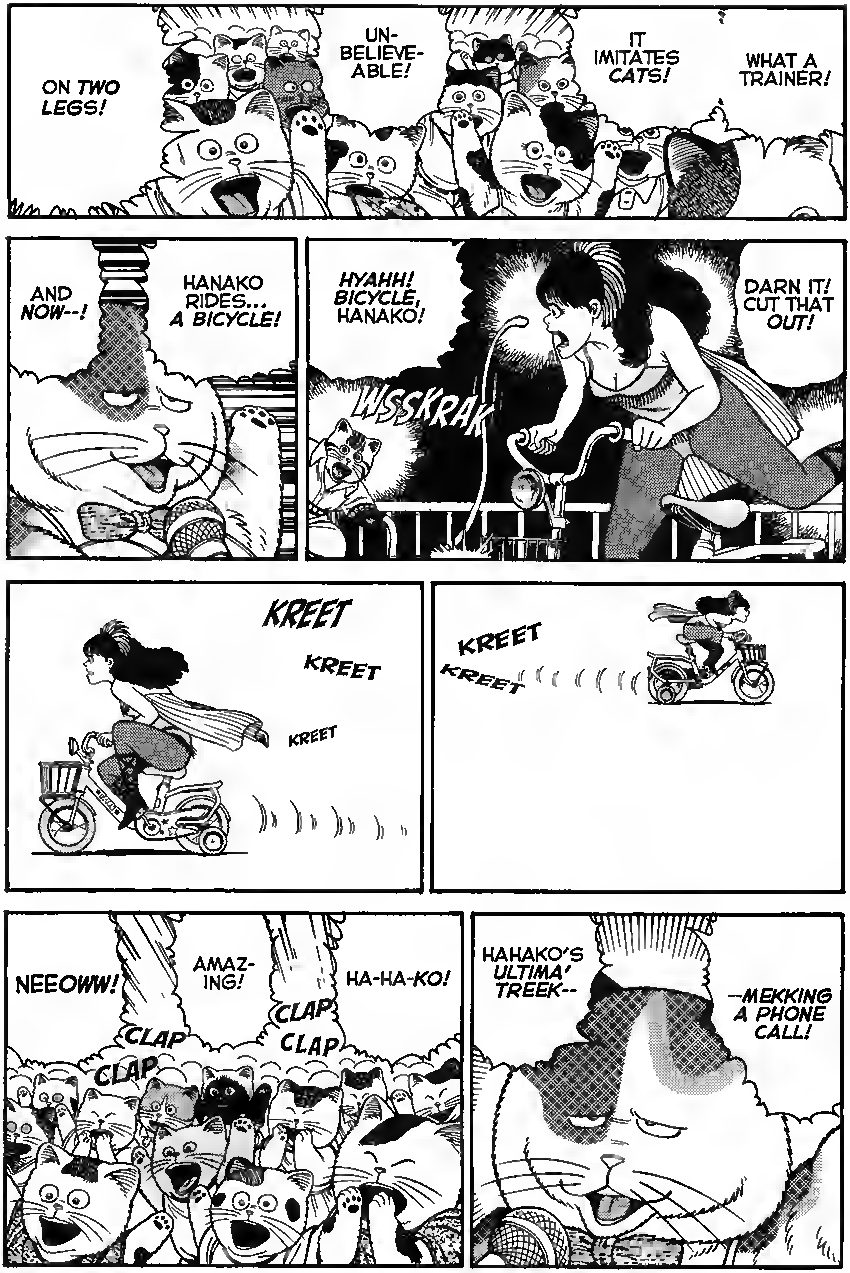

ISN'T THIS EXCITING, MIKE? THAT ANIMAL WE CAUGHT, AT HER CIRCUS DEBUT!
HERE, I GOT YOU SARDINE CRACKERS AND CATNIP SODA.
THANKS, POPO.
NIHONSHI



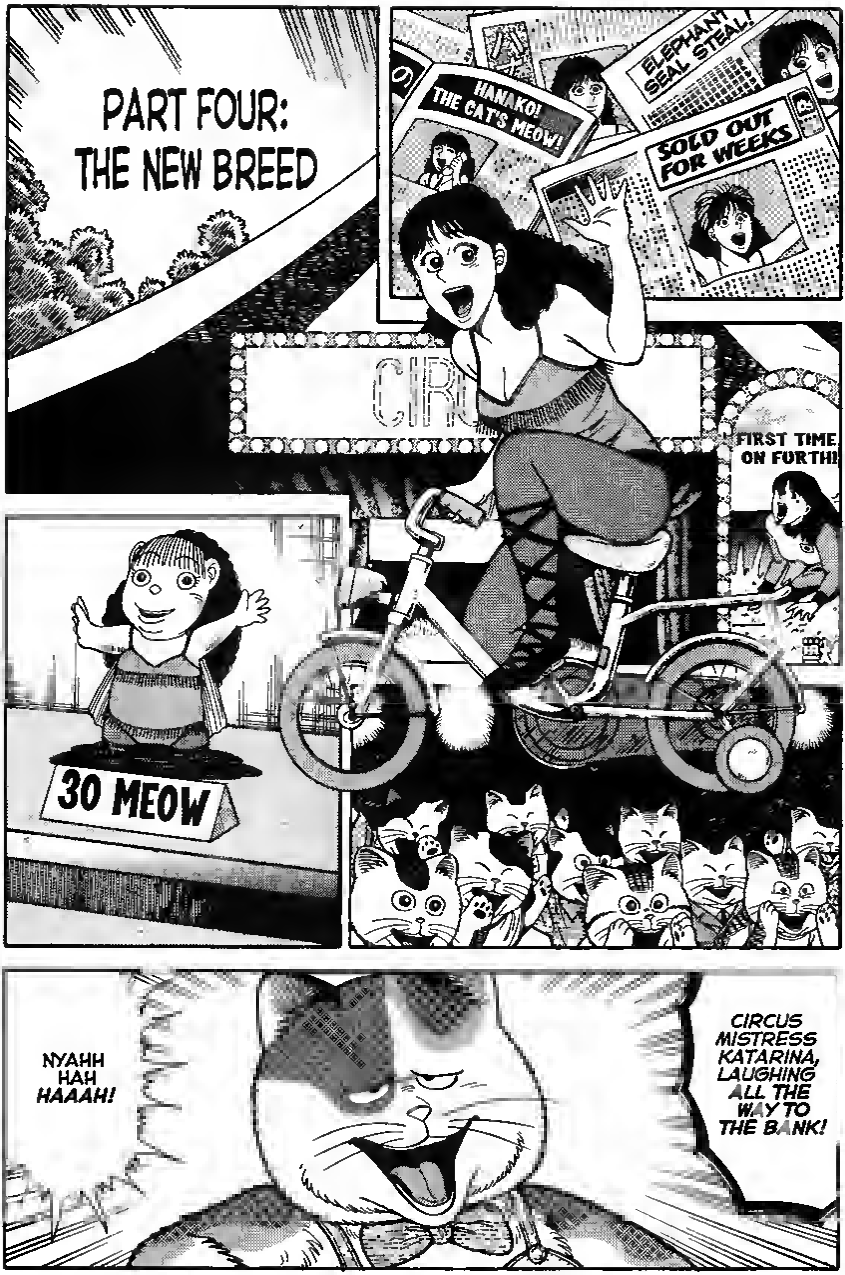
THIS IS AN ELEPHANT SEAL
ELEPHANT SEAL FAMILY: PHOCIDAE CARNIVORE WEIGHT: 2.5 TONS
I... AH... HMM:
THE NOSE...
BIG BOOK OF ANIMALS
W-WHY IT'S JUST LIKE HER!
YES, YES!
ELEPHANT SEAL! NO DOUBT!
LAD-EEEEZ AN' GENTLE-MAIN!
WELCOME TO ZE GREATES' SHOW ON FURTH-- KATZAWEENA'S ZIRRRCUS!
OHH, HERE IT COMES!
YOO ARE ABOUT TO ZEE--
--ZE MOS' HIDEOUS MONSTAR ON FURTH, BU' FARST...
...LET ME INTRAR-DUCE--
--BEAST MASTAIR DAIZUKE!

HE'S SO GOR-GEOUS!
DAISUKE! I LOVE YOU!
BEAST MASTER
EEEEK!
NOW! FOR YAR EYES ONLEE!
ZE CREE-CHAIR ONLY DAIZUKE CAN MASTAIR!
....
....
CHONNG
HANAKO! ZE ELE-PHAN' ZEAL!
OH, GAWD !!
IT'S SO UGLY!
IT'S NAKED!
OOH, BE CAREFUL, DAISUKE!
MOMMA! I WANNA GO HOME!
I'M UGLY ??
YOU LICK YOUR BUTTS!

VAIT! SHE EES NOT ONLEE FRAIGHTFUL!
VATCH HANAKO DANCE! TO MUSIC!
NO!
IM-POSS-IBLE!
THAT THING ?!
MUSIC, MAESTRO!
HY-AHH, HA-NAKO!
DANCE!
NO DANCE, NO FISH!
WHSSKRAK
HEY!
AH!
ALL RIGHT, AL-READY!

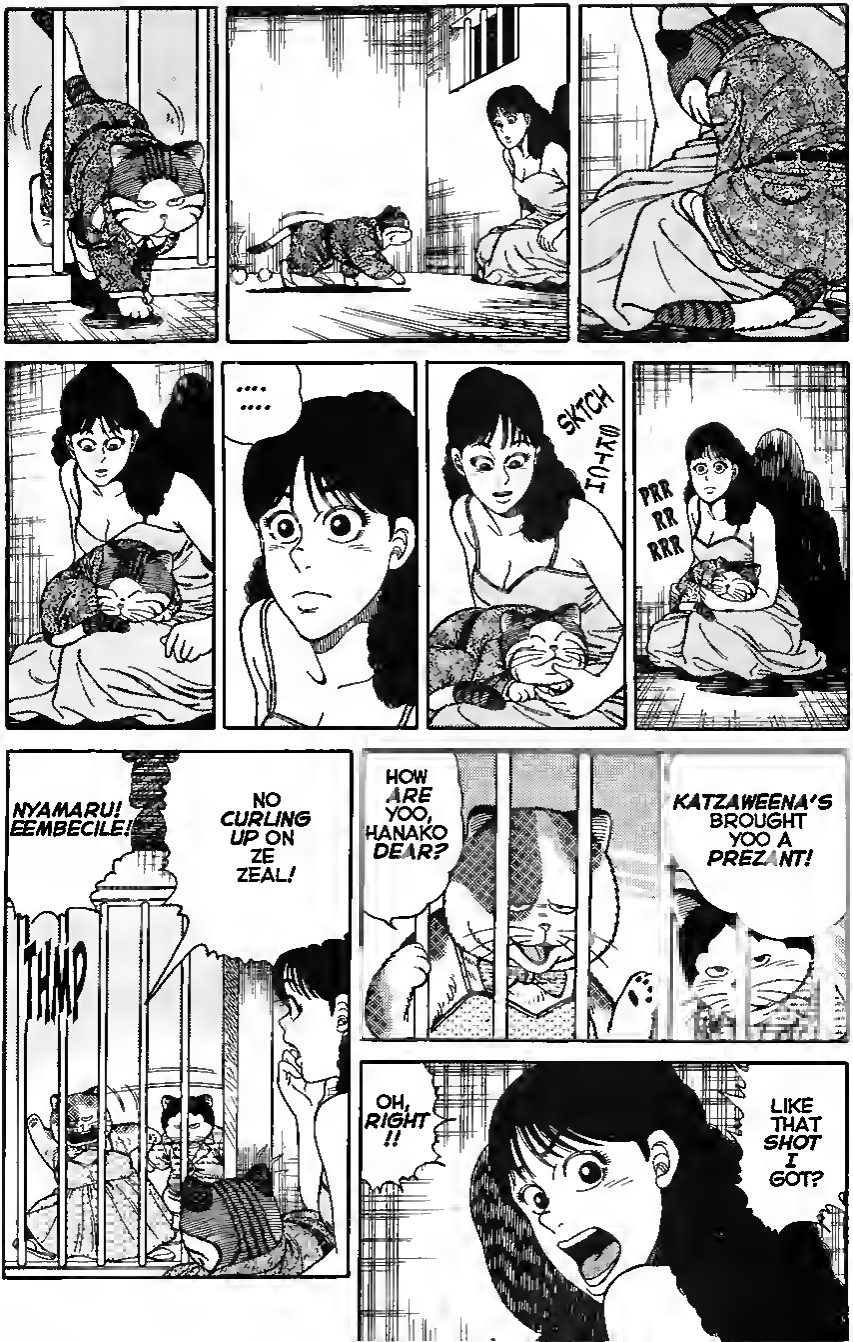

ON TWO LEGS!
UN-BELIEVE-ABLE!
IT IMITATES CATS!
WHAT A TRAINER!
AND NOW--!
HANAKO RIDES... A BICYCLE!
HYAHH! BICYCLE, HANAKO!
WSSKRAK
DARN IT! CUT THAT OUT!
KREET
KREET
KREET
KREET
KREET
NEEOWW!
AMAZ-ING!
HA-HA-KO!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
HAHAKO'S ULTIMA' TREEK--
--MEKKING A PHONE CALL!

TP
TP
TP
KCHK
BEEP
BOOP
BOOP
BEEP
BOOP
BOOP
HELLLO?
HA-NA-KO!
HA-NA-KO!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
BRAVO!
HA-NA-KO!
HA-NA-KO!
HA-NA-KO!
AM I GONNA DO THIS FOR... THE REST OF MY...LIFE?!


PART FOUR:
THE NEW BREED
HANAKO! THE CAT'S MEOW!
ELEPHANT SEAL STEAL!
SOLD OUT FOR WEEKS
CIR
FIRST TIME ON FURTH!
30 MEOW
NYAHH HAH HAAAH!
CIRCUS MISTRESS KATARINA, LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK!

ARE YOO KEEPINK ZE ZEAL CLEAN?
YES!
BUT THAT HANAKO, SHE HATES GETTIN' SHAMPOOED.
CLAWED ME PRETTY BAD.
I GAVE HER A PIG VACCINATION. DON' WANT HER TAKIN' SICK.
DO WHATAVAR YOU MUST. SHE EES ZE ONLY WAN IN ZE WORLD.
HEH HEH... ZO...
HAOW DO I PUMP ZHIS UP EVEN MORE...?
M-MISS KA-TARINA!
:HAHH: BIG NEWS!
HSSS!
BAM!
VAT?
I'M BUSY!
BUT-- BUT MA'AM !!
ON THE :HAFF: CATNIP COAST!
THEY CAUGHT A MALE!

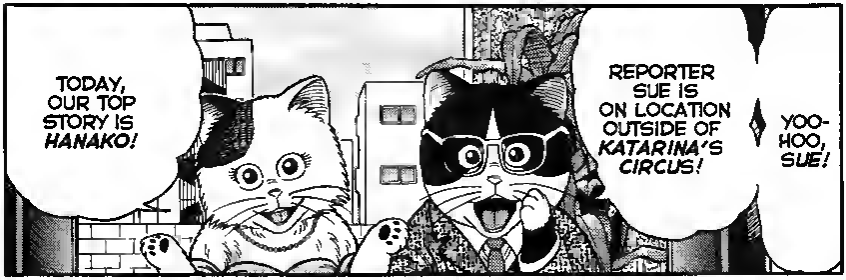
NUH--
NYEOWW?!
YER NOT THINKIN' OF ESCAPIN', ARE YUH?
ESCAPE TO WHERE?!
MOMMA... PAPA... BIG SIS...
I-I'M... NEVER COMING HOME... SNIFF
AWWW...


PRR RR RRR
SKTCH TCHTCH
....
....
NYAMARU! EEMBECILE!
NO CURLING UP ON ZE ZEAL!
THMP
HOW ARE YOO, HANAKO DEAR?
KATZAWEENA'S BROUGHT YOO A PREZANT!
OH, RIGHT !!
LIKE THAT SHOT I GOT?

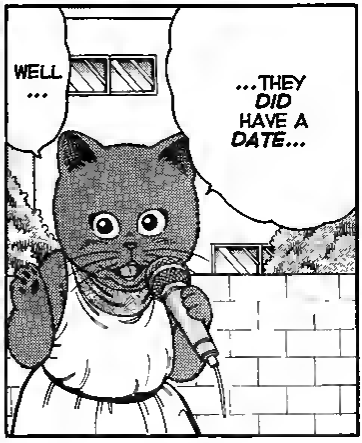
BET-TAR! ZHIS!
YERNK
GUHKK!
CAP--
CAPTAIN KONBAYA-SHI!
HANAKO! YEW MADE IT!
CAPTAIN! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
MYEH, HEH HEH. ZEALS OF A FLIPPER!
PURR-FECTO, BOSS!
THEY MATE, WE GET A PUP AND--
--WE OWN THE ELEPHANT SEAL MARKET!
YEZZZ.

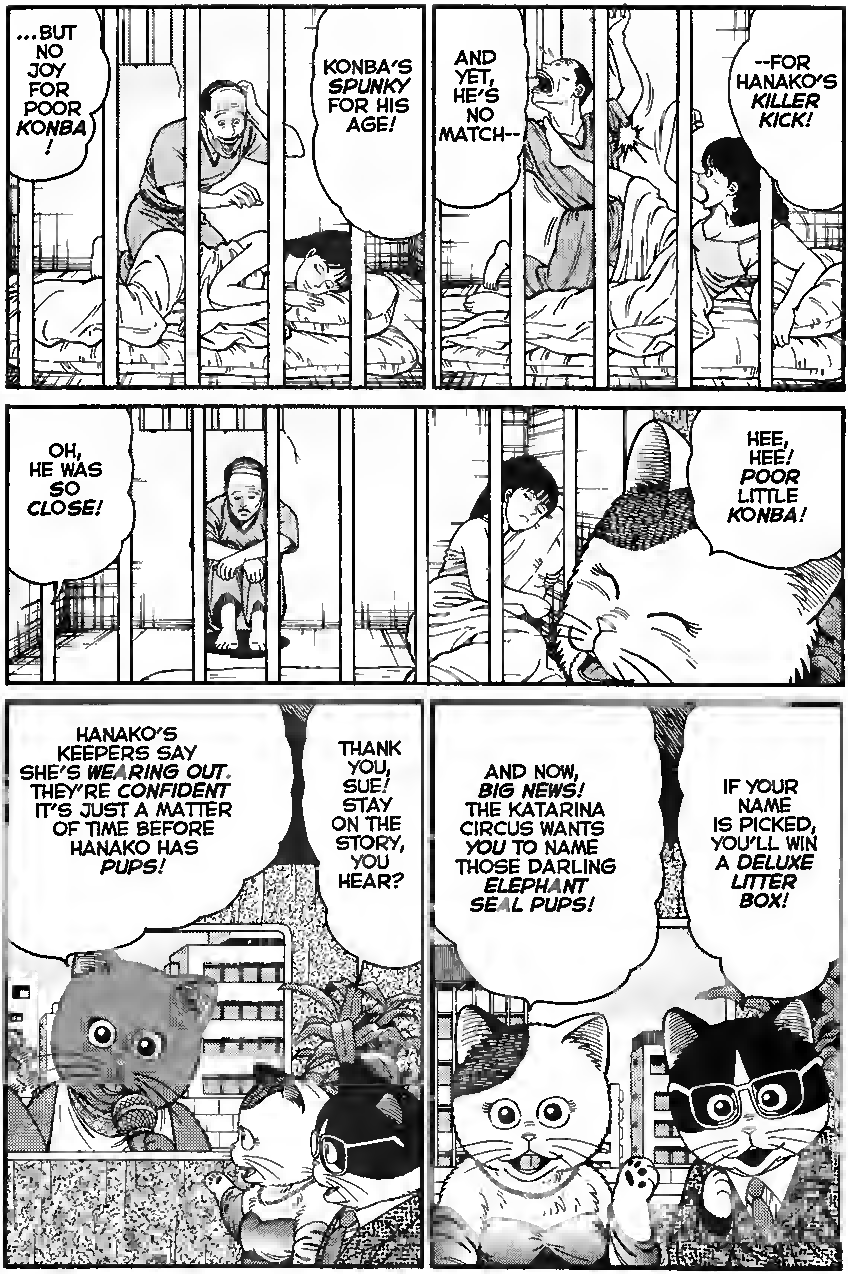
EH... ?!
MATE ?!
MATE! BREEED! HOP TO EET! I VANT A PUP!
I VEEL GET A PUP OR YOU VEEL BE ZORRY!
B-BREED ?!
WE COULD NEVER!
WELL, NOW...
S-SIR?
...
...
LEMME OUT!
NOT HIM!
NOT ON ANY PLANET!
KILL ME! KILL... ME... NOW!

GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY!
SUPER NEWS
IT'S TIME FOR... SUPER NEWS!
EPISODE-FIVE:-HOMESICK!


TODAY, OUR TOP STORY IS HANAKO!
REPORTER SUE IS ON LOCATION OUTSIDE OF KATARINA'S CIRCUS!
YOO-HOO, SUE!

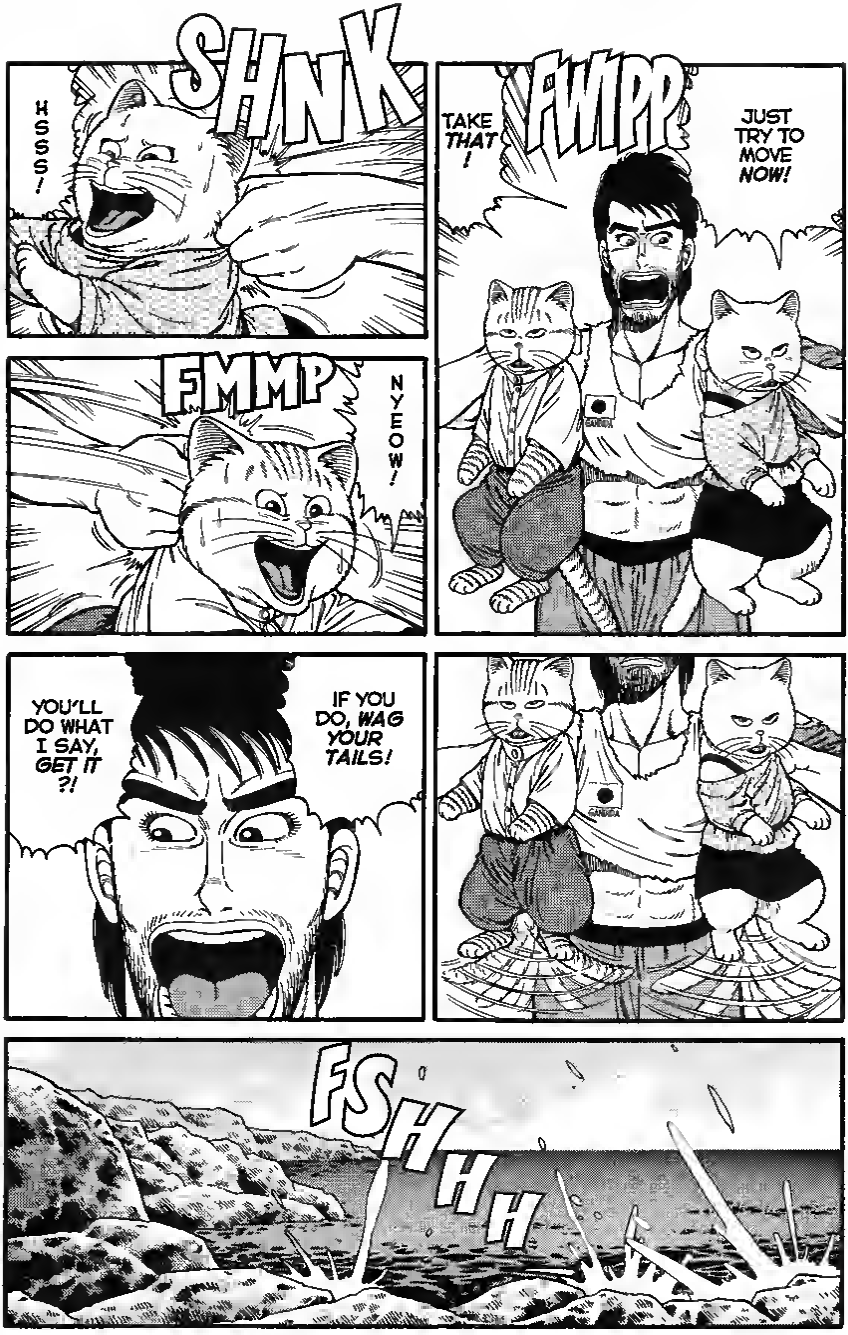
HELLO, STUDIO!
TODAY WAS HANAKO'S ELEVENTH DATE, SUE! DID A CERTAIN SOMEONE GET LUCKY?

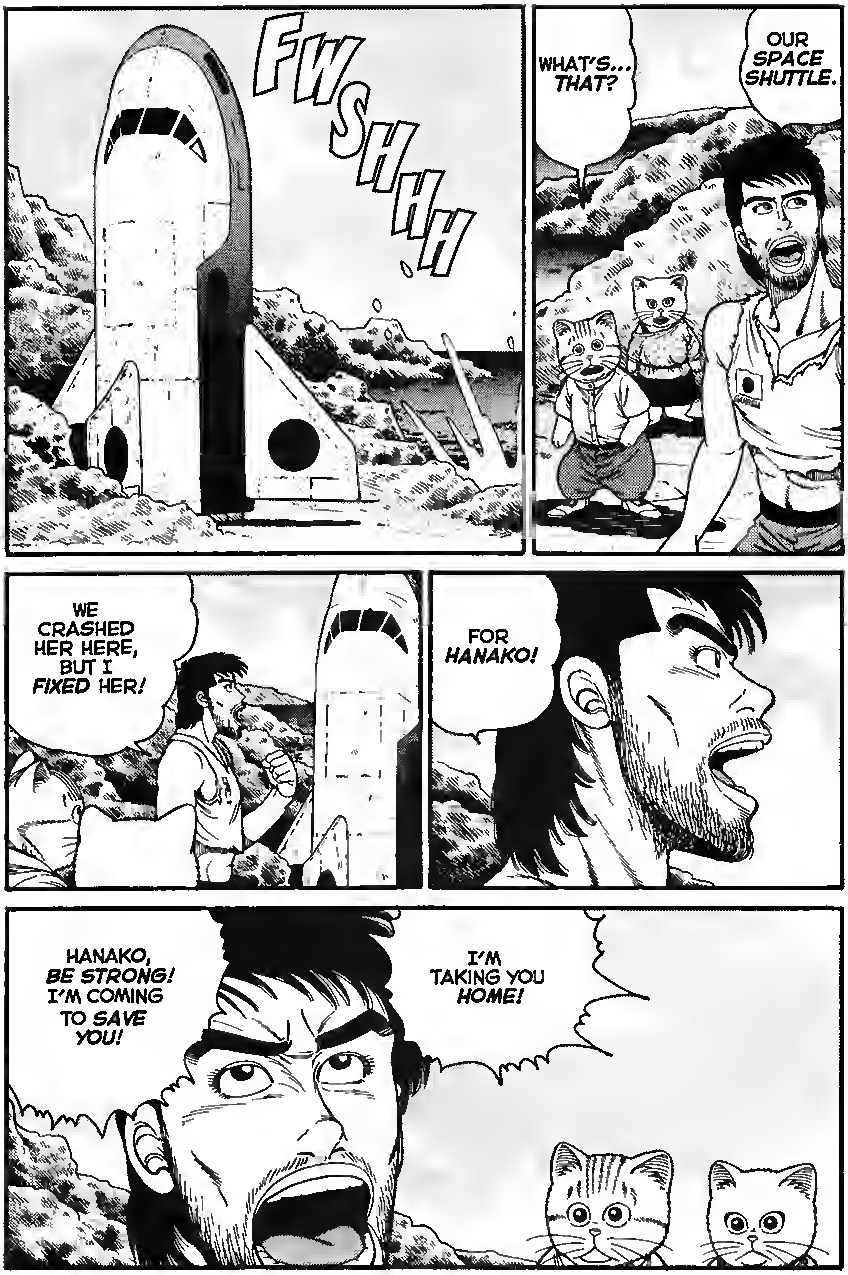

WELL...
...THEY DID HAVE A DATE...


...BUT NO JOY FOR POOR KONBA!
KONBA'S SPUNKY FOR HIS AGE!
AND YET, HE'S NO MATCH--
--FOR HANAKO'S KILLER KICK!
OH, HE WAS SO CLOSE!
HEE, HEE! POOR LITTLE KONBA!
HANAKO'S KEEPERS SAY SHE'S WEARING OUT. THEY'RE CONFIDENT IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HANAKO HAS PUPS!
THANK YOU, SUE! STAY ON THE STORY, YOU HEAR?
AND NOW, BIG NEWS! THE KATARINA CIRCUS WANTS YOU TO NAME THOSE DARLING ELEPHANT SEAL PUPS!
IF YOUR NAME IS PICKED, YOU'LL WIN A DELUXE LITTER BOX!

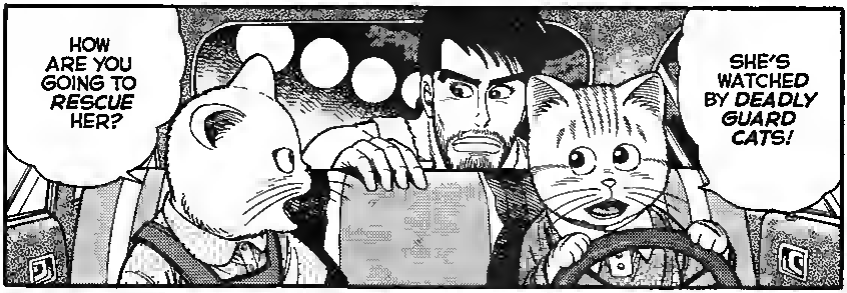
THIS IS SO EXCITING! HOW MANY PUPS WILL THERE BE?
KEEP YOUR POSTCARDS COMING! THE ADDRESS IS--
HEY! GET A PEN!
GOT IT!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT OUR SEAL WOULD BE SO POPULAR?
I KNOW! AND HOW MANY PUPS, DO YOU THINK?
KRASH
HRN?
HAHH! HUFF! HHFF!

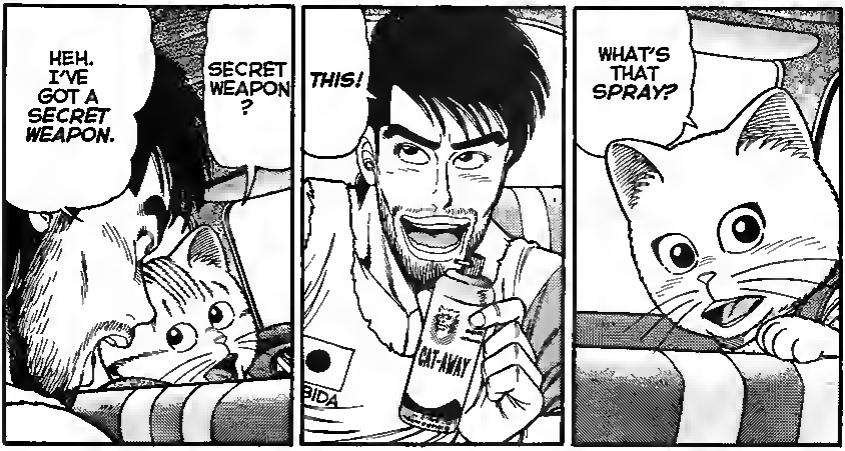
NYAHHH!!
ANOTHER ELEPHANT SEAL! A MAD ONE!
QUIET, YOU TWO!
MICHAEL, HELP!
GOTCHA!
FST! FST! FST! FSST!
YAOWW!!
SKRTCH SKRTCH
STUPID CATS!


SHNK
HSSS!
FWIPP
TAKE THAT!
JUST TRY TO MOVE NOW!
FMMP
NYEOW!
YOU'LL DO WHAT I SAY, GET IT ?!
IF YOU DO, WAG YOUR TAILS!
FSHHH


FWSHHH
WHAT'S... THAT?
OUR SPACE SHUTTLE.
WE CRASHED HER HERE, BUT I FIXED HER!
FOR HANAKO!
HANAKO, BE STRONG! I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU!
I'M TAKING YOU HOME!

EPISODE SIX: THE GREAT ESCAPE





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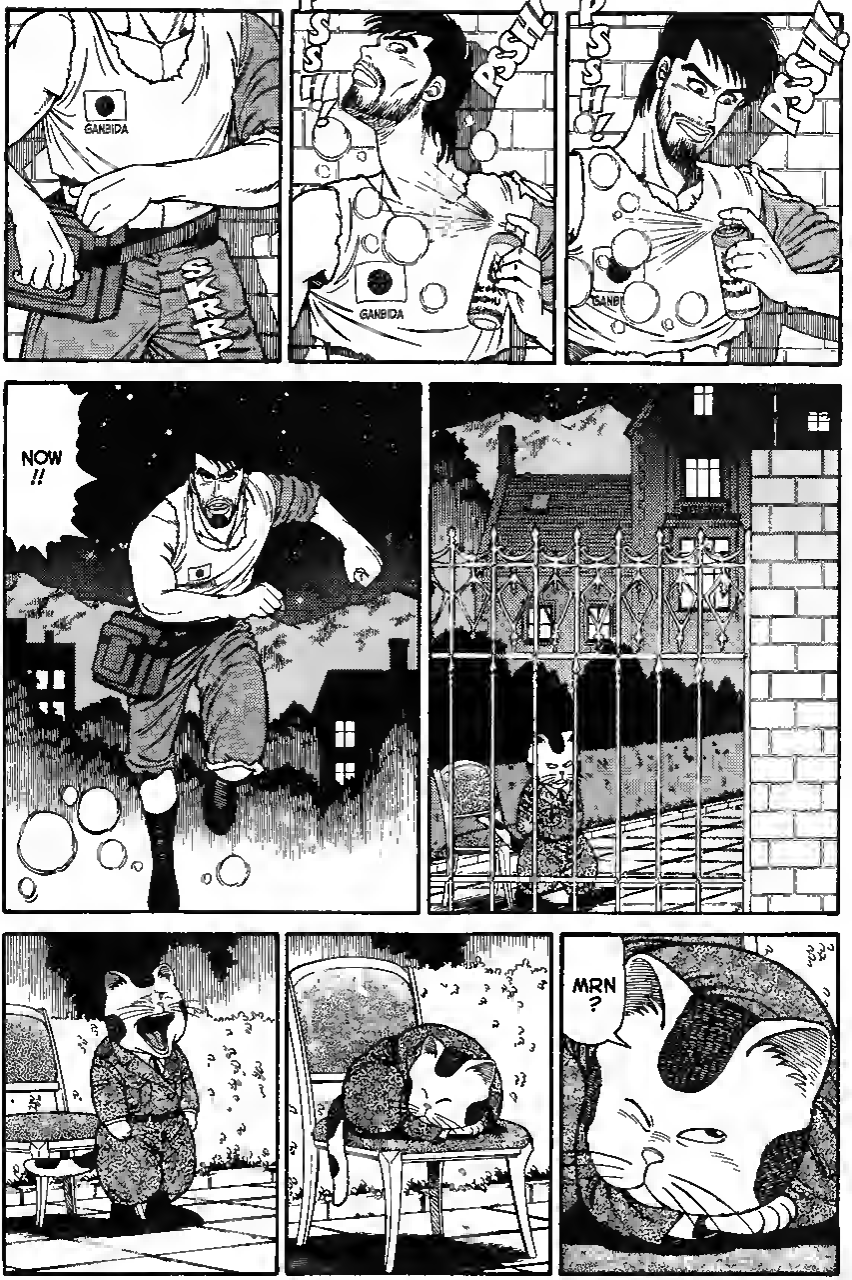
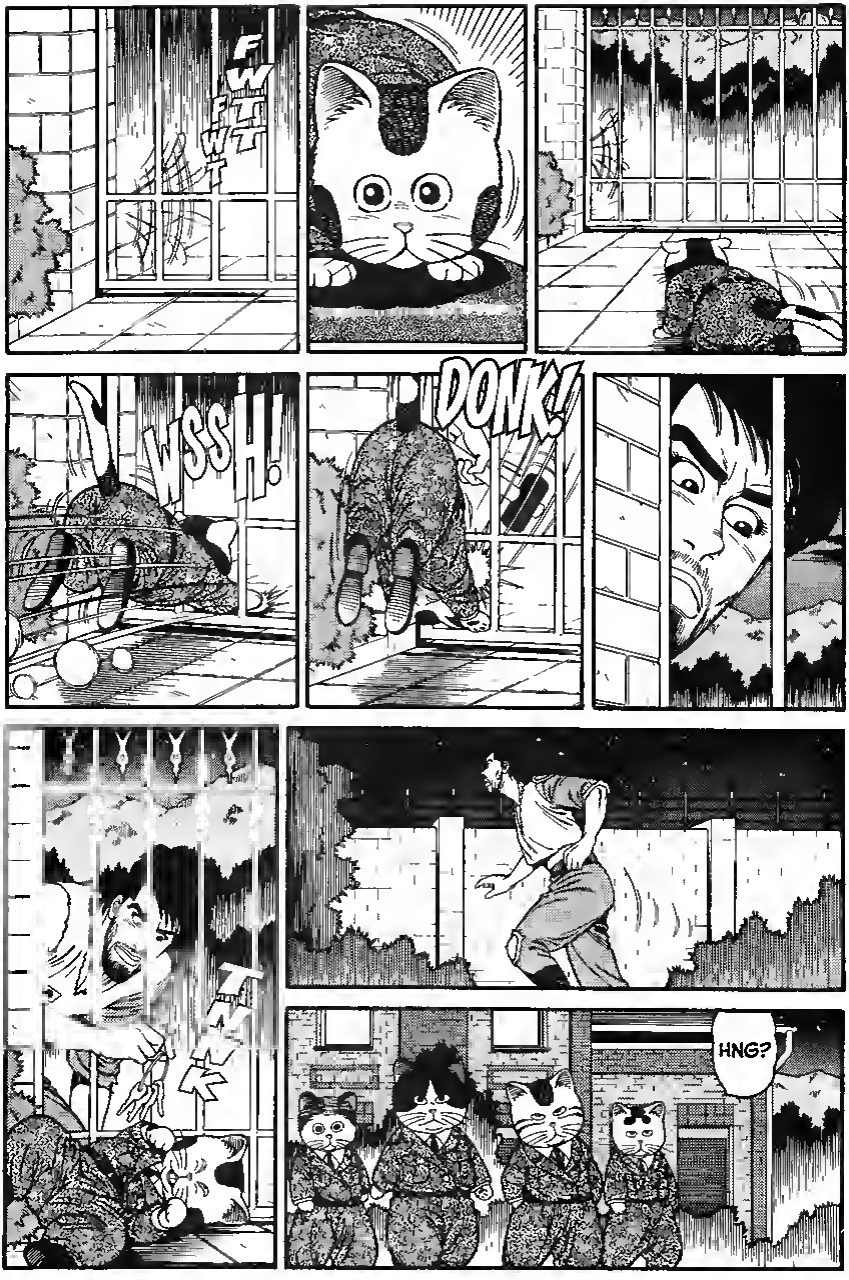
ANT-KNIV
S-STINKS!
NYAOW!
THE SMELL! S-SO HORRIBLE!
MIKE, I'M DYING!
HEH HEH HEH... IT'S AN ANTI-CAT EARTH WEAPON! WORKS, HUH?
HSSST! YOU EARTH SEALS ARE MONSTERS!
VRRROOM
KATARINA CIRCUS
YOU STAY HERE.
I'LL GET HANAKO, AND YOU'LL TAKE US TO OUR SHUTTLE.
O-OKAY ...
HUE1994
HERE I GO!


GANBIDA
SYRRP
PSSH!
PSSH!
PSSH!
PSSH!
GANBIDA
NOW !!
MRN ?


FWIT
WSSH!
DONK!
HNG?

NYEOW!
AN ELEPHANT SEAL!
GET IT!
TMP TMP TMP
WE'LL GET A RAISE IF WE CATCH A THIRD ONE!
NO!
NUH--
YAWW! MY NOSE!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
I QUIT! I QUIT! YAWWR!
NYAOWW!
THAT SMELL! IT'S AWFUL!

EEEEK!
STOP IT!
SHUT UP!
UHFF!
KRAK
I SAID NO!
DANGIT, I WANT OUT!
WE GOTTA DO IT! SO WE'RE DOIN' IT NOW!
HELLLP!
HANA-KOOO!!
WHSSH
KAGEYAMA!

OH, KAGEYAMA! YOU'RE ALIVE!
I SURE AM-- AND I'VE FIXED THE SHIP!
C'MON! LET'S GET THE HECK OUTTA HERE!
EPISODE SEVEN: FREEDOM!
GOOD GOIN', KAGEYAMA!
THEY WUZ FORCIN' US TO MATE! IT WAS PLUM AWFUL!
YOU DIRTY OLD LIAR!
DOK
HOLD EET RIGHT ZHERE!
HOLY --!
TMP
TMP
TMP

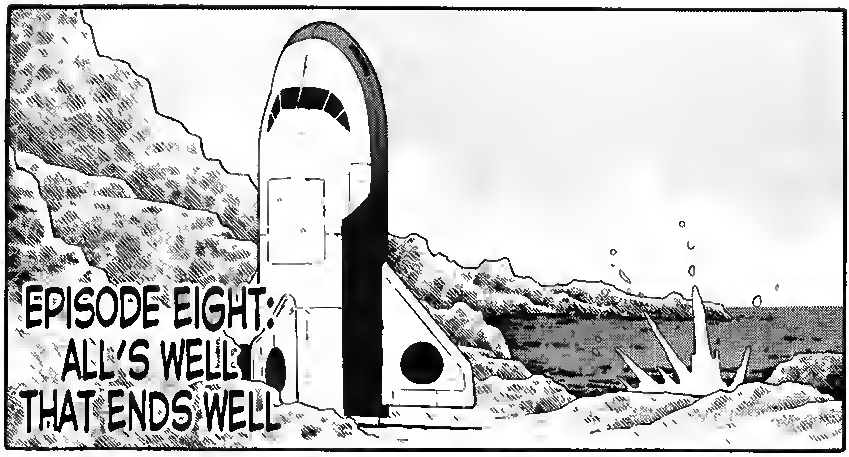
NYAH HAH HAH! ANUZZER WAN! WHAT LAHCK!
ZHEE CIRQUE DE KATZAWEENA SHALL RULE ZHEE WARLD!
GET ZEM, MY TAHMS!
THD
THD
THD
NREEE-YOWWR!
D-DAMN!
FWTT
GET IT!
OOOH!!
FWHEE
NYOWT! NYOWT! NYEOWW!
BOING
BYOING
TRMP
TRMP
TRMP
EEDIOT FAR-BALLS!
VAT ARR YOO DOINGS?!

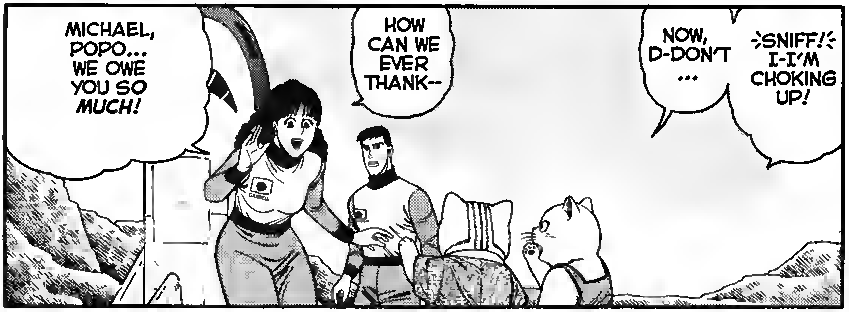
TMP
TMP
TMP
GO! PAHNCE!
ROWWWNN!
GRR ...!
WHPP
WHERE'S MOUSEY ?
FWPT
OOH ?
PREE-OWW!
IT'S-- IT'S--
HMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
IT'S CATNIP!
NOW!
LET'S GO!
OKAY!

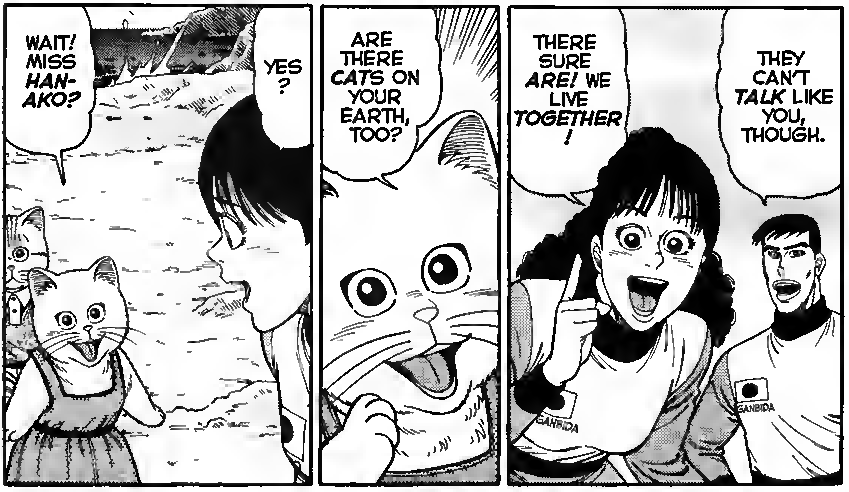
TMP TMP TMP
CUMP
CAHM BACK 'ERE, YOO UHN-GRATE-FUL ELE-PHAN' ZEALS!
YOW-CH!
GAHT YOO, AGLY ZEAL!
ONE EEN ZHEE PAW'S WAR'TH TWO EEN ZHEE BAHX!
NOOO!!
GAHH! HELPP!!

MICHAEL AND POPO ARE WAITING FOR US!
FAST-ER!
I'M TRY-ING!
CLMP
CLMP
CLMP
HNH ?
DEAR MISTER KAGEYAMA, WE FELT SLEEPY, SO WE DROVE HOME TO NAP.
MICHAEL AND POPO
GKK!
AH!
CATS! JEEZ!!
WE'LL HAVE TO RUN TO THEIR PLACE!
LET'S GO!
COM-ING!
HOTEL KUSUNOKI
MRT ?
OH, MY!

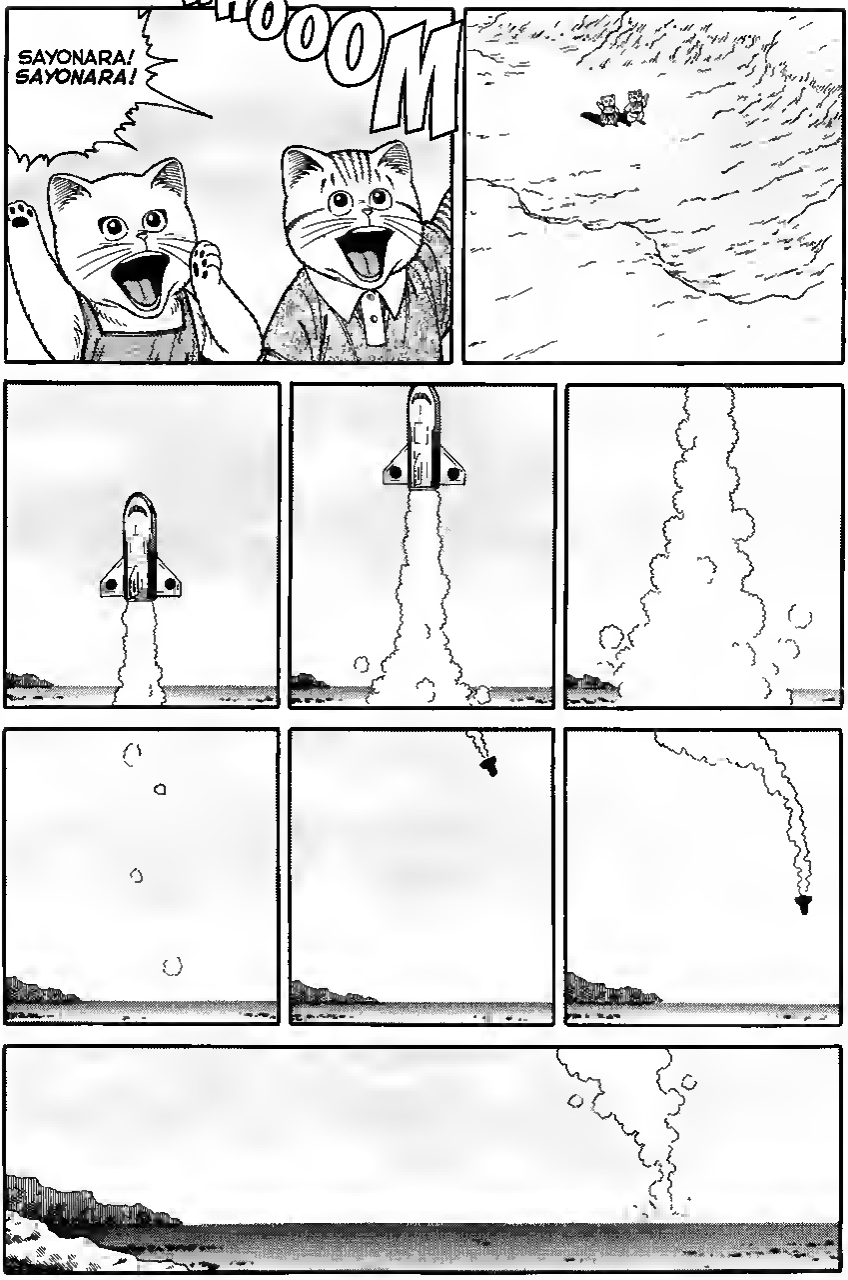
IS THAT HANAKO THE ELEPHANT SEAL?!
OH MY GOSH! IT IS!
HANAKO! CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTO-GRAPH?
HAHN??
HANAKO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
SORRY, KAGEYAMA! THEY'RE MY FANS!
HERE YOU GO!!
THANK YOU!
ARRG!
Hanako
Hanako
Hanako
Hanako
Hanako


EPISODE EIGHT:
ALL'S WELL
THAT ENDS WELL


MICHAEL, POPO... WE OWE YOU SO *MUCH!*
HOW CAN WE EVER THANK--
NOW, D-DON'T ...
:SNIFF!: I-I'M CHOKING UP!

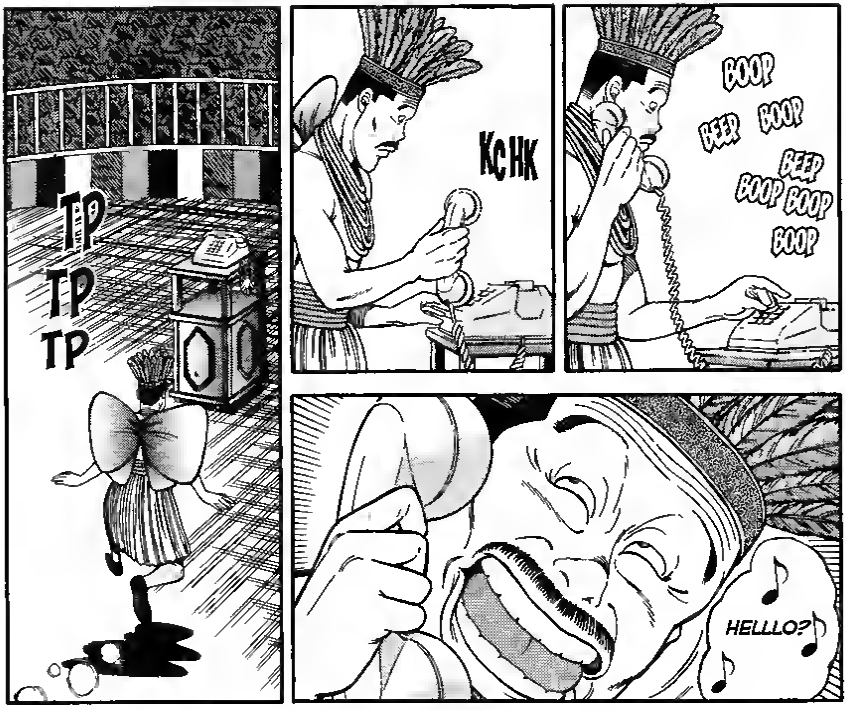

WAIT! MISS *HANAKO?*
YES ?
ARE THERE *CATS* ON YOUR EARTH, TOO?
THERE SURE *ARE!* WE LIVE *TOGETHER!*
THEY CAN'T *TALK* LIKE YOU, THOUGH.

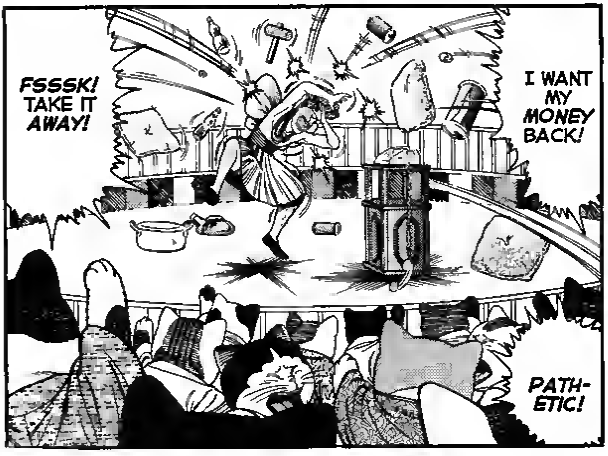
GOLLY!
PLEASE SAY HI TO THE EARTH CATS FOR US!
I WILL! TAKE CARE, OKAY?
:SIGH:
YOU KNOW... ONLY CATS WOULD BELIEVE US!
I BET NO HUMAN WOULD.
THIS'LL BE LIKE OUR OWN LITTLE DREAM.
RROARRRR
CHOOOOM


FWHOOOM
SAYONARA!
SAYONARA!

SPLASH SPLASH
HAHF! UHF!
AHFF! HFF! GHF!
WE JUST *HATE* TO ASK...
...BUT CAN YOU KEEP US UNTIL WE FIX OUR SHUTTLE AGAIN?
POPO, YOU JUST *RELAX!*
I'M MAKING DINNER!
PUT YOUR FEET *UP*, MICHAEL!
I'M *CATCHING FISH* FOR LATER!

UMM ...
WELL ...
CAN WE KEEP 'EM? THEY'RE NICE ENOUGH PETS.
THEY ARE HARD WORKERS... HOUSE-BROKEN, TOO.
AND SO IT WAS THAT HANAKO AND KAGEYAMA BECAME MICHAEL AND POPO'S PETS!
MEANWHILE, AT KATARINA'S CIRCUS...
CIRCUS
HEES NEX' TREEK--
--ZHEE ELEPHAN' ZEAL AN' ZHEE PHONE!





ZHEE ELEPHAN' ZEAL--ERR, THE ELEPHANT SEAL-- CRAZE WAS OVER.

PLANET OF THE CATS-- THE END!

THANK YOU, KOBAYASHI-DONO!

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